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Dear Friends:

For the 31<sup>ST</sup> consecutive year, the Network of Religious Communities is proud to honor outstanding members of our religious communities for their volunteerism. On Thursday, May 12, 2011 at 6:00 p.m., we will hold our **Annual Appreciation Dinner**. We will recognize individuals who have been chosen by their congregations to receive our Religious Service Award for their outstanding service to their congregation and/or community. We invite you to help us celebrate their wonderful contributions to our community.

Our guest speaker for the evening is **The Rev. James Lewis, III**. Mr Lewis is the Director of Spiritual Care of the Erie County Medical Center, founding pastor of the Miracle Missions Full Gospel Church of Buffalo, NY and is a Senior Certified Chaplain of the Buffalo Police Department. He is committed to restoring hope to all people and has an extensive history supporting and working with volunteers.

Make this 31<sup>st</sup> year of NRC awards a success by:

1. **Nominating** member(s) of your congregation or clergy. Your congregation may honor one or more people. **Please return the enclosed Nomination Form** by **April 18, 2011** for inclusion in our Souvenir Program.
2. **Appointing** someone to head up your ticket sales. Let us know ASAP who that person is using the **Ticket Chairperson Contact Information Form**. We want to support their sales efforts.
3. **Purchasing** or encouraging your congregation members to purchase advertisements in our Souvenir Program. Copy the **Souvenir Program Advertisement Form** and pass it out to those who you think may be interested. It is a great way to share information about your congregation members or your own upcoming events. Deadline for ads: **April 22, 2011**.
4. **Reserving seats** for the Appreciation Dinner by using the enclosed **Ticket Order Form**. This form must be submitted by **April 29, 2011**.
5. **Recognizing** nominee(s) during your worship service the week before or after the Appreciation Dinner. We want everyone to know how much they are appreciated!

We sincerely hope you can be a part of this special event. Thank you for your support of the Network and the many programs we sponsor connecting faith groups in WNY.

Sincerely,

Dr. G. Stanford Bratton, Executive Director  
Network of Religious Communities

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