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Dear Friends:

For the 34th consecutive year, the Network of Religious Communities is proud to honor outstanding members of our religious communities for their volunteerism. On Thursday, May 8, 2014 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 speaker will be Nancy Weil, Founder of the Laughter Academy. Nancy focuses upon the spiritual aspects of laughter and helping people cope with change, grief and loss. Due to sudden closing of the Hearthstone Manor the dinner will now be held at Salvatore's Italian Gardens, Depew, N.Y.

This year we are asking each congregation and religious organization to consider nominating a youths and young adults along with others in your congregation and or religious organization who deserve to be recognized for their outstanding service.

Make this 34th year of NRC awards a success by:

1. **Nominating** member(s) of your congregation and **returning the Nomination Form** by **April 16, 2014** for inclusion in our Souvenir Program.
2. **Reserving seats** for the Appreciation Dinner by using the **Ticket Order Form**. This form must be submitted by **April 25, 2014**.
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 16, 2014**.

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

Sincerely,

Dr. G. Stanford Bratton, Executive Director
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