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To: 2017 Riefler Fund Applicants

From: Dr. G. Stanford Bratton, Executive Director/CEO

RE: Riefler Fund Application Requirements

Dear Riefler Fund applicant:

We are pleased to provide you with an application form and guidelines for applying for a 2017 Riefler Fund Grant. The Riefler Enablement Fund was established in 1988 through the generous bequest of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Riefler. In each successive year the Network has been able to provide grants to Buffalo Area congregations and ecumenical/interreligious organizations totaling between \$35,000.00 and \$45,000.00 per year. The total amount distributed each year is determined by the income from the invested principle. The focus is upon new programs/projects.

In preparing for 2017 Riefler Fund Application please keep the following in mind:

1. **The deadline for receiving applications at the office of the Network of Religious Communities is 2:00 P.M. Friday September 30 2016.** Applications received after that date will not be considered for grants in 20167 **No exceptions will be made.**
2. Applications from local congregations, groups of congregations, ecumenical and or interreligious organizations or projects sponsored by the above are encouraged. **Applications from individuals and those from community groups without a direct tie to a congregation or ecumenical/interreligious organization will not be considered.**
3. Please use the official cover page for submitting your application. You may use a computer to generate page 2-4 or use the digital application. **You may attach up to two additional pages (no more).** **You may mail via US Postal Service or email your application to [nrc@religiousnet.net](mailto:nrc@religiousnet.net).**
4. It is important that you **answer all questions.** **Providing a detailed budget is required.** **Please use the budget form on page 5 of the application.** Identifying additional resources as requested in question 14. is very important.
5. Please pay careful attention to questions 8, 9,10 and 13 since these questions have the highest value in our scoring process.

The 2017 Riefler Fund Grants will be announced at the Network of Religious Communities Annual Meeting in January 2016. Mail notification will follow. Recipients are responsible for requesting the award payment when project begins.

Your application will be read by persons who are actively involved in the life and work of a local congregations in WNY. They read the proposals and score them using a scoring form developed by the Network. Recommendations will be submitted to the Network Board for final approval.