



Network of Religious Communities

"Connecting faith neighbors!"

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Dear Friend:

The Network of Religious Communities cordially invites you to join us for the 36th consecutive Annual Appreciation Dinner at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, May 3, 2016 at Salvatore's Italian Gardens, 6261 Transit Road, Depew, NY 14043.

Each year during the Annual Appreciation Dinner, we proudly honor outstanding members of our Western New York religious communities for their volunteerism. **Individuals are chosen by their congregations to receive the NRC Religious Service Award for outstanding service to their congregation and/or community.**



Our keynote speaker this year is Rev. Dr. Brian Arthur Brown, editor of *Three Testaments: Torah, Gospel and Quran*, a powerful book which brings together the texts of Judaism, Islam and Christianity. Born in Nova Scotia, Brown was ordained to the ministry of the United Church of Canada in 1966 and is a recent graduate of post-doctoral studies in Theology at Harvard University. In July he will release a new book, *Four Testaments of Eastern Religion: the Tao Te Ching, the Analects, the Dammapada and the Bhagavad Gita*.

Please help make the 36th Annual Network of Religious Communities Annual Appreciation Dinner a success:

- **NOMINATE an AWARDEE by April 12, 2016**
*Nominate a member or members of your congregation to receive the NRC Religious Service Award. Return the enclosed **Nomination Form** by April 12, 2016.*
- **PURCHASE ADVERTISING by April 12, 2016**
*Use the enclosed **Souvenir Program Advertisement Form** to purchase an advertisement. It's a great way to share information about your congregation members or upcoming events. Return the enclosed form by April 12, 2016.*
- **RESERVE YOUR SEATS by April 19, 2016**
*Use the enclosed **Ticket Order Form** and return it by April 19, 2016.*

We look forward to seeing you at this very special event! Thank you for your support of the Network of Religious Communities and the many programs we sponsor that connect faith groups in Western New York.

Dr. G. Stanford Bratton
Executive Director / CEO