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The following resolution was unanimously adopted by the Network of Religious Communities Board of Governors Meeting Thursday June 17, 2004 at the Hindu Cultural Society, 1595 North French Road, Getzville, NY.

**We** are members of denominations, congregations and religious organizations located in and serving Western New York. We believe in the virtues of hard work, personal responsibility and collaboration.

**We** are the representatives of Western New York denominations, congregations and religious organizations who serve on the Board of Governors of the Network of Religious Communities. We are deeply troubled by the failure of the members of the New York Assembly, the New York Senate and Governor George Pataki to agree upon a fair formula for funding education and to adequately consider and approve a just New York State Budget. We are additionally disturbed that the New York State Assembly and Senate is considering ending their sessions without resolving these issues which are vital to the health and welfare of all the citizens of New York State.

**As representatives** of Western New York denominations, congregations and religious organizations serving on the Board of Governors of the Network of Religious Communities we call upon members of the New York State Assembly and Senate and Governor George Pataki to:

1. Recommit themselves to the virtues of hard work, personal responsibility and collaboration;
2. Put aside partisan politics and seek common ground for the welfare of all the citizens of the State of New York;
3. and remain in Albany until a fair formula for funding education and a just New York State Budget has been adequately considered and approved.

This is a critical time for the State of New York and its cities and towns. We trust that in the coming days you will fulfill all of your responsibilities as public officials elected to serve the people of the State of New York.

*The Network of Religious Communities is an organizations of denominations, congregations and religious organizations located in and serving Western New York. Our member organizations have a combined membership of over 1 million congregates..*