

# NETWORK NEWS

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September 2003

## Interfaith Worship Service Commemorates Amistad Visit

An interfaith service of worship commemorating the visit of the Freedom Schooner *Amistad* to the City of Buffalo will be held Wednesday, September 10, at 7:30 p.m. at St. Paul's Cathedral, 128 Pearl Street, downtown Buffalo. The service is sponsored by the Network of Religious Communities.



visit of the Freedom Schooner *Amistad* September 10-14 at the Erie Basin Marina.

Representatives of the major religious traditions will lead all gathered in reflections, prayers, and music designed to

remember the evils of slavery and the slave trade, to celebrate the birth of freedom in this nation, and to covenant together to preserve these values in this country and in the world.

A Closing Ceremony and Interfaith Service, also sponsored by the Network of Religious Communities, will be held at

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African drums, a Jewish Shofar, a Christian call to worship, and a Muslim call to prayer will signal the gathering of all people of faith to remember the Amistad Incident of 1839. The event, which is open to the public, is being held in conjunction with the

## From the Executive Director

—Reverend G. Stanford Bratton

Obligation, a moral contract or sense of duty not subject to choice or discretion, is a word that has fallen out of favor in our time. For many it has lost its power to motivate action.

This is especially true of the obligation to help the hungry and the poor. Many persons in our time believe that helping the hungry and the poor is a matter of personal choice. Others believe helping the hungry and the poor is best left up to faith-based organizations.

Recently, I was invited to provide a display for a religious gathering. The caller urged me to include in my display opportunities to help the hungry. Maybe, he said, your display will “turn some people on

to helping the hungry.” Arriving at the site I was directed to the “opportunities bazaar” where my “opportunities to help the hungry” was displayed along with a myriad of opportunities including personal growth, diet and exercise, youth sports leagues and spiritual renewal. The message was clear: helping the hungry and the poor is one choice among the many opportunities available to the religious persons who feel so moved.

At a conference “Works of Love: Scientific and Religious Perspectives on Altruism” held this spring, James Towey, the first director of the White House Office of Faith-Based and Community Initiatives, explained that “the faith-based initiative

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The Very Reverend Allen Farabee

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The Reverend Dr. G. Stanford Bratton

The Reverend Francis X. Mazur

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## Religious Leaders Call For Vision, Diversity and Courage in Appointment of Members of Buffalo Control Board

Members of the Board of Governors of the Network of Religious Communities, the region-wide inter-religious and ecumenical organization, issued a statement in June calling for state, county and City of Buffalo leaders to recognize “the unique opportunity that exists for the renewal of the City of Buffalo, the County of Erie and the entire Western New York Region through the creation of a Financial Control Board for the City of Buffalo.” The signers of the statement point to the teachings of their various faith traditions which “call us to do something new and better for the sake of all people.”

Referring to the formation of the Network of Religious Communities, which required envisioning new ways of coming together and being together, they call upon Governor George Pataki, Senate Majority Leader Joseph L. Bruno, Assembly Speaker Sheldon Silver, State Comptroller Alan G. Hevesi, Mayor Anthony Masiello and Erie County Executive Joel Giambra to choose members of the control board who bring a broad diversity of qualifications and are representative of the entire citizenry of the region, with attention being given to fair representation of African American and Hispanic persons. They challenge the political leaders to

have “the courage to appoint persons who bring a new vision and enthusiasm to the task rather than the same group of persons who have managed and directed the City of Buffalo and Western New York over the past decades.”

They further call upon members of the NY State Senate and Assembly to remain vigilant, “ensuring that the financial control board serves the best interest of the people of Buffalo, Erie County and Western New York and not just the interests of the well connected few.”

Finally, they “call upon all members of congregations, temples and mosques and all residents of Western New York to celebrate together the rich religious, racial and cultural diversity of our region, acknowledging that all voices matter” and “working to ensure that all voices are heard in governmental hallways, board rooms and especially the meetings of the financial control board.”

A copy of the full statement with signers is available upon request at the Network office or as a download at [www.religiousnet.org](http://www.religiousnet.org).



## Make a Difference in a Hungry World . . . Join the CROP WALK

The need is great! More than 800 million people go to bed hungry each night; most are women and children. Half of the human race lives on less than \$2 a day. In the U.S., 31.1 million people live in households that struggle with hunger (12 million are children). And 3.9 percent of household in New York are hungry—they often skip meals or eat too little, sometimes going without food for an entire day.

You can make a difference. In 2002, CROP WALKS in Western New York raised \$127,750 through the generosity of 2,042 walkers and their sponsors. \$31,756 stayed in Western New York to support food pantries, meal programs and other hunger-fighting efforts.

Join a CROP WALK this Fall. Call for information about a CROP WALK near you, invite members of your congregation to participate, and pick up registration/sponsor forms.

Sat., September 20	Lancaster/Depew	716-683-3311
Sun., September 21	Busti	716-664-1934
	Grand Island	716-773-7208
Sun., September 28	Cattaraugus	716-257-9837
Sun., October 5	Amherst	716-895-6133
	Attica	716-591-2705
	Cuba	585-968-1531
	Eden	716-992-4211
	Marilla	716-652-6611
	Niagara Falls	716-297-0698
	Youngstown	716-745-1285

Sun., October 12	Alden	716-681-7195
	East Aurora	716-652-5040
	South Buffalo	716-649-6809
	SUNY Buffalo	716-688-4064
Sun., October 19	Kenmore	716-836-2903
	Warsaw	585-493-5205
Sun., October 26	Hamburg	716-648-4874
	North Tonawanda	716-692-3711
Sun., November 2	Jamestown	716-664-4601
	Orchard Park	716-646-5043
	West Seneca	716-675-3714

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7:00 p.m. on Sunday, September 14, at the Buffalo Waterfront. Members of all congregations, mosques and temples, as well as the general public are invited and encouraged to attend these two significant interfaith events.

The Amistad Incident is the story of a group of Africans who were captured in Mendi (present day Sierra Leone) and brought in chains to the Americas—and who revolted, captured their ship, *La Amistad*, and eventually were seized off the coast of New England. The captives won their freedom in a case before the United States Supreme Court and ultimately sailed back to their homeland in Africa. The Amistad Incident is considered by scholars to be the only instance in American history in which a diverse group of citizens worked within the U.S. Court system on behalf of kidnapped Africans to ultimately win their freedom and repatriation. This 19th century story still has worldwide importance today.

The worship service is designed to help contemporary Americans reflect on the meaning of those events and pledge together to work for freedom.

Educational tours of the Amistad are being offered to school children and the general public. Additional information on the *Amistad* journey and its visit to Buffalo is located on this web site: [www.amistadamerica.org](http://www.amistadamerica.org). To see information on the visit to Buffalo, go to: [bechs.org/amistad/](http://bechs.org/amistad/). Updated information on the interfaith worship services can be found at [www.religiousnet.org](http://www.religiousnet.org).

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is based upon the concept that the government cannot love.” He went on to stress the importance of faith-based organizations providing social service and warning that, “we would see massive social problems if people of faith fail to help the poor and the oppressed.”

Mr. Towey’s underlying assumption that helping the hungry and poor is best left to faith-based organizations is challenged by the findings of an ongoing study at Indiana University, funded by the Ford Foundation. In its initial report the three year Indiana University study found that welfare recipients who used faith-based organizations to secure jobs often worked fewer hours each week and are less likely to receive health benefits than workers placed by mainstream providers. According to the initial conclusions of the report, faith-based organizations are at best no better at providing social service than their secular and governmental counterparts.

According to the teachings of the great faith traditions **charity and helping the hungry and poor is a primary obligation** of all who adhere to the traditions, and according to many of those traditions, the duty of all human beings. That obligation is not dependent upon our feelings or upon the religious tradition being in control of the social service. In fact, the prophetic component of many faith traditions sees it as duty of all who adhere to their tradition to call upon their government and society as a whole to assume its rightful responsibility of caring for the hungry and poor.

Obligation may be a word that is out of favor in our time, but there seems to be no better word to express our duty as religious persons and as human beings to care for the hungry and poor among us. **WE HAVE AN OBLIGATION TO HELP THE HUNGRY AND THE POOR.**

## YOU ARE INVITED

To a Meeting to Discuss the Possibility of Forming a Local Group of the

## FELLOWSHIP OF RECONCILIATION

Thursday, September 4, 2003, 8-9:30 a.m.

at the Network of Religious Communities, 1272 Delaware Avenue, Buffalo  
(parking available at the rear of the building)

**Coffee, Bagels and Doughnuts Will Be Served**

The Fellowship of Reconciliation seeks to replace violence, war, racism and economic injustice with nonviolence, peace and justice. It is an interfaith organization committed to active nonviolence as a transforming way of life and as a means of radical change. FOR educates, trains, builds coalitions and engages in nonviolent compassionate actions locally, nationally and globally.

If you would like further information about this meeting or to

let someone know you are interested but can't make the meeting, please contact one of the following:

Audrey/Jim Mang	832-0507	or <a href="mailto:peacemanga@aol.com">peacemanga@aol.com</a>
Rev. Stan Bratton	882-4793	or <a href="mailto:ecustan@earthlink.net">ecustan@earthlink.net</a>
Rev. John Long	877-6896	or <a href="mailto:johnlong@digicon.net">johnlong@digicon.net</a>

If you would like further information about the Fellowship of Reconciliation before the meeting, you can check their web site at [www.forusa.org](http://www.forusa.org).

## What Do You See? Words From a Woman in Traditional Muslim Attire

— Dr Sawsan Tabba, Member of local Muslim Community

What do you see when you look at me?  
Do you see someone limited, or someone free?  
All some people can do is just look and stare  
Simply because they can't see my hair.

Others think I am controlled or uneducated;  
They think that I am limited and unliberated.  
They are so thankful that they are not me  
Because they would like to remain 'free.'

They think that I do not have opinions or voice.  
They think that being hooded isn't my choice.  
They think that the hood makes me look caged,  
That my husband or dad are totally outraged.

All they can do is look at me in fear  
And in my eye there is a tear.  
Not because I have been stared at or made fun of  
But because people are ignoring the one up above.

Maybe the guys won't think I am a cutie  
But at least I am filled with inner beauty.  
See, I have declined from being a guy's toy  
Because I won't let myself be controlled by a boy.

Real men are able to appreciate my mind  
And aren't busy looking at my behind.  
I will be recognized because I am smart and bright  
And because some people are inspired by my sight.

The smart ones are attracted by my tranquility.  
In the back of their mind they wish they were me.  
We have the strength to do what we think is right  
Even if it means putting up a life-long fight.

You see, we are not controlled by a mini-skirt and tight shirt.  
We are given only respect and never treated like dirt.  
So you see we are the ones that are free and liberated.  
We are not the ones that are sexually terrorized and violated.  
We are the ones that are free and pure.  
We're free of STD's that have no cure.

So when people ask you how you feel about that hood,  
Just sum it up by saying 'baby, its all good.'

## Interfaith Coalition on Energy Recommends New Program

*This program is an excellent opportunity for religious organizations to determine how best to minimize utility costs. The service provider, C. J. Brown Energy, has a highly qualified and experienced staff, including former ICE Program Manager Dan Schrecongost, available to assist you. ICE suggests that all religious organizations consider taking advantage of this program.*

*Viki Ingersoll, ICE Technical Liaison*

## NYSERDA Introduces Energy Audit Program For Small Businesses New Program To Cut Energy Costs And Save Money

The New York State Energy Research and Development Authority (NYSERDA) has introduced the **New York Energy \$mart<sup>SM</sup>** Energy Audit Program, designed to provide low-cost energy audits to small businesses and other facilities to help them make informed electrical energy decisions and implement energy-efficiency strategies. C.J. Brown Energy, P.C., a Buffalo-based professional engineering firm specializing in energy use, conservation, and management, has been selected by NYSERDA to provide energy audit services in the Western New York area.

The focus of the Energy Audit Program is to help customers identify and implement economically viable energy improvements.

The program targets commercial and industrial facilities, state and local governments, not-for-profit and private institutions. Facilities must have less than \$100,000 in annual electric bills to be eligible. Through the audit, customers receive expertise on how to cut energy costs and improve energy efficiency. Audits are provided at a cost of \$200, \$400, or \$600, based on annual electric bills. The fee is refunded if the customer implements one or more recommended energy measures, the cost of which is equal to or greater than the audit fee.



## Local Congregations Honor Members at Appreciation Dinner

At the 23rd Annual Appreciation Dinner of the Network of Religious Communities, 29 local congregations honored 59 people for their outstanding religious and community service. The event, held May 8, at the Hearthstone Manor in Depew, was attended by approximately 560 people. Bishop Marie Jerge of the Upstate New York Synod, Evangelical Lutheran Church in America delivered the keynote address, "*Who Taught You About Giving and Generosity?*" Her speech is available for download at [www.ReligiousNet.org](http://www.ReligiousNet.org).

Following are the names of people who received awards and the congregations honoring them.

### **Amherst Community Church**

Dr. Laurence C. Wright

### **Augustana Lutheran Church, Tonawanda**

Audrey & Joseph Divita

### **Bible Society of Western New York**

Alvin Haven

### **Calvary C.M.E. Church, Buffalo**

Nazziree Randerson Pugh

### **Central Presbyterian Church, Buffalo**

Molly Anthony

### **Cleveland Hill Lutheran Church, Cheektowaga**

Edwin O. Mohr, Jr.

Lois Snyder

### **Dunkirk Conference Center**

DonnaLee Melberg

Kenneth Partridge

### **Epiphany United Church of Christ, Buffalo**

Ruth Degener

EmmyLou Hess

### **Erie County Medical Center**

Barbara A. McCoy

### **Faith United Presbyterian Church, Kenmore**

Debra Fultz

Carla M. Kline

Marilyn J. Mills

James Sanford

### **First Congregational United Church of Christ, Angola**

Edie Anderson

Irene Chisholm

Monika Fuchs

Ronda Marvel

Carol Ann Obrochta

### **First United Church of Christ, Buffalo**

Barbara Banyasz

Henry Gould

### **Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, Buffalo**

Janet Marcia Archer

### **Kenmore United Methodist Church**

Michelle Price

### **Masjid Nu'Man, Buffalo**

Dr. LaVonne Ansari

Bro. Zaid Bilal

Sis. Patricia & Bro. Shakoor Muslim

### **New Hope Baptist Church, Buffalo**

Barbara Campbell

Charles Madison

Anne Rumph

Allen Stephens

### **North Park Presbyterian Church, Buffalo**

Earlene "Deenie" Forrester Miethaner

### **Orchard Park Community Church**

Sherry Schroeder

### **Parkside Lutheran Church, Buffalo**

Ron Arnold

Jean Halm

### **Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, Depew**

Arlene Beatrice (DePasquale) Falgiano

### **Protestant Committee on Scouting**

Vesper & Dorothy Wurster

### **St. Gerards & St. James RC Parishes, Buffalo**

Sr. Katherine Marie Bogner, SSMN

### **St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church, West Seneca**

Charles E. Arnold

Elaine B. Wallace

### **St. Luke A.M.E. Zion Church, Buffalo**

Sister Charla Adams

Sister Wendy Aiken

Sister Rosella Barber

Rev. Landen L. McCall

Brother Gus E. Pratchett

Sister Madeline O. Scott

Sister Phyllis T. Todd

### **St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Blossom**

Lisa Breidenstein

Dale Ponivas

Mary Jane Ponivas

### **St. Philip's Episcopal Church, Buffalo**

Sallye Price

Marilyn Sifontes

The Men's Club

### **Salem United Church of Christ, Tonawanda**

Cathy Bright

Coyla Schreiner

Ellen Slominski

### **Unitarian Universalist Church of Amherst**

Doug Funke

### **University Presbyterian Church, Buffalo**

Bill & Grace Yockey

## Calendar of Events

**September 4, 8:00-9:30 a.m.**

**Meeting to Discuss the Possibility of Forming a Local Group of the Fellowship of Reconciliation**

Network of Religious Communities, 1272 Delaware Avenue, Buffalo; coffee, bagels, and doughnuts; for information call 716-832-0507, 716-882-4793, or 716-877-6896; see page

**September 9, 8:00 p.m.**

**Address by Hon. Matthew McHugh, Chair, Bread For the World, Washington D.C.**

Topic: *Feed the Hungry*; Montante Cultural Center, Canisius College; free and open to the public; for information call 716-888-2138.

**September 10, 7:30 p.m.**

**Interfaith Worship Service commemorating the visit of the Freedom Schooner *Amistad***

St. Paul's Cathedral, downtown Buffalo; sponsored by the Network of Religious Communities; for information call 716-882-4793 or visit [www.ReligiousNet.org](http://www.ReligiousNet.org); see page 1.

**September 14-20**

**No Casino in Erie County Week**

September 14—Religious Communities Education & Petition Day  
September 15—Area-Wide Picketing  
September 17—Community Impact Day  
September 18—Major Public Forum  
September 20—PUBLIC RALLY DAY  
For information call 716-440-8126; updated list of activities available at [www.nocasinoerie.org](http://www.nocasinoerie.org); for a Congregational Petition visit [www.religiousnet.org](http://www.religiousnet.org).

**September 17, 7:30 p.m.**

**Forum featuring Rev. Thomas Grey, Executive Director, National Coalition Against Legalized Gambling**

Buffalo Museum of Science; Rev. Grey will also be available for presentations to ecumenical and interreligious groups and congregations from September 14-16 and at other times during his stay in Buffalo—call Rev. Stan Bratton at 716-882-4793 to schedule a presentation.

**September 18**

**United Jewish Fund Campaign 2004 Kick-Off Dinner**

Hyatt Regency, Buffalo; featuring Judy Woodruff, CNN Anchor and Senior Correspondent; for information call 716-886-7750.

**September 20-November 2**

**CROP WALKS**

Locations throughout Western New York; see page 2.

**October 7**

**Presentation by Rev. Robert Edgar, General Secretary, National Council of Churches**

Montante Cultural Center, Canisius College; for information call 716-888-2138.

**November 13, 6:00 p.m.**

**Network of Religious Communities Annual Meeting**

Theme: *Covenant for Peace*; St. Paul's Episcopal Cathedral, 128 Pearl Street, Buffalo; for information call 716-882-4793.

**November 17, 8:00 a.m.-2:30 p.m.**

**Conference featuring Rabbi Harold S. Kushner**

Morning session—Westminster Presbyterian Church, Afternoon Session—Temple Beth Zion; for information and to register call 716-884-9437 ext. 115; details to be announced.

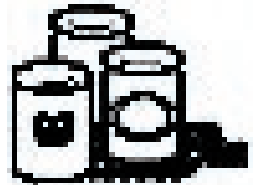
## Thank You For Food Pantry Donations

The Network of Religious Communities Food Pantry is grateful to the following individuals, congregations, and organizations for their donations of food to help the hungry in our community.

Alpha Delta Kappa/Lambda Chapter  
Amherst Community UCC  
Blakely, Anne  
Blessed Sacrament RC, Buffalo  
Bondar, Elsa  
Boston United Methodist  
Boy Scout Troop 510, Grand Island  
Cary, Martha  
Central Park Presbyterian, Buffalo  
Central Park United Methodist, Buffalo  
Christ UCC, Buffalo  
Christ United Methodist, Buffalo  
Church of Jesus Christ Latter Day Sts., Bflo.  
Church of the Advent, Buffalo  
Church of the Nativity, Tonawanda  
Cleveland Heights Christian, Cheektowaga  
Durham Memorial AME Zion, Buffalo  
D'Youville College  
Ebenezer UCC, West Seneca  
Egbertsville United Church of Christ

Evangelical Covenant, Buffalo  
First United Methodist, Buffalo  
Friends  
Greater Bflo. Panhellenic Alumnae  
Gugino, Ann  
Gullen, Connie  
Heritage Christian Homes  
Holy Trinity Lutheran, Buffalo  
Kaczor, Audrey  
Kenmore Baptist Church  
Kenmore Neighborhood Girl Scouts  
Kenmore United Church of Christ  
Kenmore United Methodist  
Ken-Ton Meals on Wheels  
Lafayette Presbyterian, Buffalo  
League of Women Voters, Buffalo/Niagara  
Lillian  
Loaves & Fishes Dining Room, Buffalo  
Miles, Arlene  
Neighbors Foundation, Grand Island

Order of the Eastern Star  
Parkside Lutheran, Buffalo  
Pilgrim St. Luke's UCC, Buffalo  
Price, John  
St. John's, Buffalo  
St. John's Grace Episcopal, Buffalo  
St. Paul's Episcopal Cathedral, Buffalo  
St. Paul's Lutheran, Williamsville  
St. Paul's UCC, West Seneca  
Taber Family  
Trinity Tower, Buffalo  
Trinity United Methodist, Amherst  
Trinity United Methodist, Grand Island  
Trinity UCC, Cheektowaga  
United Methodist Church Women Bflo. Dist.  
Unity Church of Practical Christianity, Bflo.  
University United Methodist, Buffalo  
Westminster Presbyterian, Buffalo  
Woodside United Methodist, Buffalo



Television	Channel	Day	Time
<b>Challenge For the 22<sup>st</sup> Century</b> Making the connection between faith and life commitments; Moderator Rev. Dr. G. Stanford Bratton, Co-Executive Director, Network of Religious Communities	7 WKBW	1st Saturday	7:00 a.m.
<b>Kaleidoscope</b> Multifaith program featuring segments on religious activities and matters of concern in the community	2 WGRZ 20 Adelphia	1st Sunday Every Friday	6:30 a.m. 6:35 p.m.
<b>In Process</b> Discussion of today's issues as they relate to the religious community; Moderator Rev. Dr. G. Stanford Bratton, Co-Executive Director, Network of Religious Communities	4 WIVB 20 Adelphia	2nd Sunday Every Wednesday	5:30 a.m. 5:35 p.m.
<b>Story Time Puppets</b> Puppet Therapist Janet McDonald, Co-Host Dan Mackowiak, and guest Jr. Puppeteers tell stories from the Bible and other sources. Positive messages for children, parents, and teachers.	20 Adelphia	Every Friday	3:35 p.m.
Radio	Channel	Day	Time
Crossroads Life experience interviews; rotation of hosts	96.1 WJYE-FM	Every Sunday	6:00 a.m.



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The Network of Religious Communities' Radio and Television Ministry Offers a Variety of Quality Programs

**Become a Member of the Network of Religious Communities**

**Membership Form  
Congregation/Religious Organization**

- Our congregation would like to join the Network and we agree with the purposes. Enclosed is our 1-year membership contribution of:
  - \$100 for congregation with 100 or more members.
  - \$50 for congregation with less than 100 members.
- Our religious organization would like to join the Network and we agree with the purposes.
  - Enclosed is our 1-year membership contribution of \$50.
- We have also enclosed a special gift of \$\_\_\_\_\_ to support the work of the Network.
- We would like more information. Please contact us.

Date \_\_\_\_\_  
 Congregation/Religious Organization \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Fax \_\_\_\_\_  
 E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_  
 Contact person \_\_\_\_\_

**Please send completed form to:**  
 Network of Religious Communities  
 1272 Delaware Avenue, Buffalo, New York 14209-2496

**The Purposes of the Network are:**

- To facilitate communication and increased understanding among the members and between the members and the wider community;
- To foster cooperation within and between the faith communities to which the members belong;
- To facilitate collaboration in areas of common concern and in response to needs in the wider community; and
- To promote justice, peace and the common good in Western New York and the Niagara Peninsula of Ontario.

**Membership Form  
Individual**

- I would like to join the Network and I agree with the purposes.
- Enclosed is my 1-year membership contribution of \$25.
- I have also enclosed a special gift of \$\_\_\_\_\_ to support the work of the Network.
- I would like more information. Please contact me.

Date \_\_\_\_\_  
 Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Fax \_\_\_\_\_  
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## Network Food Pantry Needs Your Help & Support \$\$\$\$ — Food — Volunteers



The number of people requesting food continues to increase. During the week of July 21-25, 212 adults and 112 children were each given at least a three day supply of food. Due to the level of need, our shelves are constantly empty. Help us meet the need. Share your time, food and money.

Nonperishable food items may be delivered to the Network of Religious Communities, 1272 Delaware Avenue, any weekday between 9:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. To make other arrangements, call the Network office.

Checks should be made payable to the Network of Religious Communities and clearly designated for the Food Pantry.

Anyone interested in volunteering one morning or more per month, please call 716-882-4793 for information.

## Have You Changed Your Address?

Please help us update the *Network News* mailing list. If your name and/or address are incorrect on the mailing label, complete the form and return to the Network office. Also include a copy of the label attached to this newsletter so that we can make the correction in the database. Thanks for your help!

**My name and address should appear as follows on the *Network News* mailing list:**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Organization \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Please add my name to the mailing list.

Please remove my name from the mailing list.

**Send completed form and copy of label to:**

Maureen Gensler, Network of Religious Communities

1272 Delaware Avenue, Buffalo, NY 14209-2496

FAX: 716-882-3797