The New Jersey Coalition for Inclusive Ministries will present awards to recognize outstanding and creative efforts to support the spiritual lives of people with disabilities or special needs at our Eleventh Awards and Recognition Dinner in October. Honorees will receive two complimentary tickets to the conference and ceremony. The 2012 Celebration is being done in collaboration with Open ROAD, for the seventh year in a row.

( NOTE: Deadline at the end of this document )

We are looking for examples of creative efforts in areas such as:

- Advocating for the religious rights of children or adults with disabilities or special needs
- Providing exemplary worship and religious education opportunities
- Helping to further involvement of people with disabilities or special needs in fully participating in religious life
- Fostering awareness of religion and disabilities issues

Nominations of individuals or organizations representing both religious and secular settings will be accepted in the following categories.

Please check the category for your nomination. Use the reverse side for the nomination. You do not have to use this form. We prefer to receive the nominations in electronic format at ongel@umdnj.edu

- □ Parents or families
- □ Religious organizations (congregations, diocesan offices, denominational bodies...)
- □ Secular agencies (government, advocacy, provider and other organizations)
- □ Individual religious leaders (lay or professional)
- □ Religious educators and/or religious education programs
- □ Individual members of a religious community
- □ Youth groups
- □ Self-advocates (person with disability)
- □ Media representative
- □ Direct support professionals

If you have questions about the process, please call The Rev. Rosemarie Newberry, Chaplain for New Lisbon Developmental Center at 732-331-9463.

To join the Coalition (free) and more information on its activities, go to http://groups.yahoo.com/group/NJCIM-online/

The Award Celebration is a collaborative effort with Open ROAD - bringing people with disabilities of all kinds to houses of worship of their choice for religious services and social activities on a regular basis.

http://rvcc2.raritanval.edu/~rdon6170/cws/index.html
Name of Nominee: ____________________________
Address: __________________________________________________________________________
City: __________________________________ State: __________________ ZIP: ________________
Phone: _______ E-mail: __________________________________________________________________

Awards Category: (See previous page)

Please indicate why individual or group should win the award. Be specific and thorough.
If possible, please submit your nomination letter electronically. This can be done through email, to Beth Ong at ongel@umdnj.edu

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Additional letters of support are welcome, but not required.
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Electronic submissions preferred to: ongel@umdnj.edu  (Beth Ong)
If submitting paper copy, send to: Beth Ong
The Boggs Center
P.O. Box 2688, New Brunswick, NJ 08903

Deadline for nominations: September 1, 2012
Please copy and distribute this nomination form.