

ICRD Monthly Update

May 7, 2015

Come Celebrate with Us!

Please join us **Friday, May 15** at our annual **Faith-in-Action award dinner** to celebrate ICRD's **15th anniversary**. This year we will be **honoring Sally Quinn** for her pioneering reporting on religion's role in society. Ms. Quinn authors the *Washington Post* column "On Faith".



The event will take place in a picturesque setting on the Potomac in Mt. Vernon. The reception will begin at 6:30pm followed by dinner and the program at 7:15pm. Please click [here](#) to purchase seats or a table at the event. If you have any questions, call or [email](#) Nicole at (202) 331-9404. We hope to see you there!

A New Opportunity

In very good news, ICRD was recently granted Special Consultative Status to the United Nations Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC).

The new possibilities that this opens up include the opportunity to consult with member states; place items of special interest on the Council's provisional agenda; designate official representatives to the United Nations; and submit statements to the Council on subjects in which we have a special competence. In addition, the Council may ask ICRD to undertake studies or prepare papers relating to our areas of expertise. Overall, this is an exciting development and an additional opportunity to advance faith-based diplomacy at important levels.



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With best wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Doug Johnston". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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