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## ***RELIGION & ETHICS NEWSWEEKLY* RECEIVES THREE-YEAR FUNDING GRANT FROM THE HENRY LUCE FOUNDATION**

Washington, D.C. — Thirteen/WNET New York announced today that The Henry Luce Foundation has awarded a \$500,000 grant to ***RELIGION & ETHICS NEWSWEEKLY***, the award-winning PBS newsmagazine program hosted by Bob Abernethy, for enhanced coverage of foreign affairs.

The grant is part of the Foundation's Henry R. Luce Initiative on Religion and International Affairs, which seeks to deepen American understanding of religion as a critical but often neglected factor in international policy issues. It will be used over a three-year period to expand the show's international reporting and Web site content. Established in 1936 by Henry R. Luce, the co-founder and editor-in-chief of Time Inc., the Foundation endeavors to "bring important ideas to the center of American life, strengthen international understanding, and foster innovation and leadership in academic, policy, religious and art communities."

Major funding for ***RELIGION & ETHICS NEWSWEEKLY*** is provided by Lilly Endowment, Inc., which marks its 11th year with the program, with additional support given by Mutual of America Life Insurance Company and the Corporation for Public Broadcasting.

Winner of 115 industry awards — including the Sigma Delta Chi, the Gracie Allen, the Chicago TV Fest, New York Festival, and CINE Golden Eagle — the program has been hailed by the Religion Newswriters' Association for setting "a national standard for balanced and fair coverage of religious topics." The show's Web site has also been nationally recognized for its online creativity, innovation and content, winning a prestigious 2007 Webby Award from the International Academy of Digital Arts and Sciences. ***RELIGION & ETHICS NEWSWEEKLY*** executive producer is Arnold Labaton; Thirteen/WNET executive-in-charge is Stephen Segaller.

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