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This fall ICNY is hitting the ground running! We have a busy schedule this month with many exciting programs planned. Keep reading and get involved!

The Interfaith Center of New York and Union Theological Seminary in the City of New York are pleased to announce a new educational program, funded by a grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities. In July of 2012, we will host a three-week summer institute for secondary school teachers, entitled Religious Worlds of New York: Teaching the Everyday Life of American Religious Diversity. For more information about the Religious Worlds of New York summer institute, contact Dr. Henry Goldschmidt at the Interfaith Center of New York, at [hgoldschmidt@interfaithcenter.org](mailto:hgoldschmidt@interfaithcenter.org) or 212.870.3514.

ICNY is also looking for dedicated interns. There are **internship availabilities** in three areas: Muslim community outreach, domestic violence awareness programs, and a general intern for our Catholic/Muslim program. If you are interested in any of these opportunities, or would like more information, please write to [info@interfaithcenter.org](mailto:info@interfaithcenter.org) or call 212.870.3514.

We are in the final year of the **JPM International Visiting Fellows Sister Cities Program**. Interfaith delegations from New York and Barcelona, Spain will meet in Glasgow, Scotland this month. They will work to round out the past two years' exchanges in the hope that they may continue to enrich the interfaith work and networks within each of the participating cities.

Prepare NY is moving forward in preparation for the tenth anniversary of September 11th. There are over 125 Coffee Hour Conversations in progress, with many more to come! If you are interested in organizing a Coffee Hour Conversation, please visit the [prepareny.com](http://prepareny.com) website for more information.

Below we list upcoming programs sponsored by the Interfaith Center of New York, followed by events that may be of interest in the New York area. A listing does not imply endorsement. To stay updated on what we are doing, don't forget to follow ICNY on Twitter and Facebook.

## ***Interfaith Center of New York Events***

### **Floating Lantern Ceremony**

Date: Sunday, September 11th

Time: 6 p.m. - 9 p.m.

Location: The South side of Pier 40 on the Hudson River

Info:

6pm – Prepare Lanterns by writing loved one's names and messages for peace

6:30pm – Interfaith prayer and meditation, Musical Performances, Greetings and Messages, Buddhist chant for 9/11 victims and 3/11 Japanese earthquake and Tsunami victims. Famed musician Paul Winter will perform.

7:45pm – Floating lanterns released onto the Hudson

Co-Sponsors: ICNY, The Buddhist Council of NY, Prepare NY, United Sikhs, New York Disaster Interfaith Network, NY de Volunteer, New York Kayak Company

Call 646.797.7982 or 212.870.3511 for more information

### **Interfaith Perspectives on Communal Trauma and Healing**

Date: Friday, September 9th

Time: 9:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Location: Fordham University's Lincoln Center Campus, 60th and

Columbus

Info: The Interfaith Center of New York, the Fordham University Graduate School of Social Service, and our partners, invite all mental health professionals to attend a symposium: "Interfaith Perspectives on Communal Trauma and Healing: Religious Leaders and Mental Health Professionals Explore the Emotional Life of the City at the 10th Anniversary of 9/11". The half-day symposium will include a panel discussion with leading mental health practitioners who bring both spiritual and psychological perspectives to bear on experiences of trauma, as well as small group workshops offering hands-on introductions to the therapeutic resources found in diverse religious traditions. Visit <http://traumahealing.webstarts.com> for more info.

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## **Prepare New York Coffee Hours**

Prepare New York has a positive cornucopia of events lined up for the days preceding and following 9/11. To view a complete list of Prepare NY's many Coffee Hour conversations that you can attend please visit <http://prepareny.ning.com/events/event/listUpcoming>

Join the conversation with your neighbors.

Contact Person: Annie Rawlings, 212.870.3518 [annie@interfaithcenter.org](mailto:annie@interfaithcenter.org)

## **Interfaith Center Co-Sponsored Events**

### **Gratitude, Healing and Social Justice: 10 years after 9/11**

Date: September 22

Time: 6:00 p.m.

Location: Union Theological Seminary

Info: Each year, the Interfaith Center has joined with Muslim Consultative Network and Union Seminary to host an interfaith breaking of the fast during Ramadan. After 10 years, Ramadan, as a lunar month, has gradually moved outside the student and academic calendar, falling within the summer months. However, that has not stopped us! Join us this year for the 11th interfaith celebration, reflecting on themes of gratitude, healing, and social justice.

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### **Ribbons of Hope Project**

Date: Friday September 9th until noon on Monday, September 12th

Location: Battery Park

Info: "9/11 Ribbons of Hope" is an interactive, community-created art project designed to commemorate the 10th Anniversary of the September 11th attacks by inviting people of all backgrounds, religions, ages and races to tie a ribbon inscribed with a message of hope and healing for New York City.

Just a short walk from Ground Zero, 12 tall mesh panels holding 50,000 ribbons will be installed alongside the Gardens of Remembrance in Battery Park from noon on Friday September 9th until noon on Monday September 12th. All day Friday, Saturday and Sunday New Yorkers and visitors alike are welcome to bring a ribbon and tie it to the panels assisting in the creation of a multi-colored, multi-cultural, tapestry of prayers, wishes, dreams, memories, and celebrations.

We are asking you and your faith communities to help us reach our target of 50,000 ribbons. By logging onto <http://prepareny.ning.com/ribbons>, you can order ribbon kits for your congregations at no charge. These kits consist of individual packages complete with ribbon, permanent marker, instructions and a map to the site of the 9/11 Ribbon of Hope Project. You can also provide your own ribbons, as we welcome all ribbon types and sizes.

Ribbon collection can happen in two ways. Firstly, you and your congregations may want to visit the site to tie the ribbons on at any time from noon on Friday, September 9th until noon on Monday, September 12th. If you can't make it to New York City you can submit your Ribbon of Hope message on the [Groundswell website](#) and they will create a ribbon for you and hang it on the tapestry. [CLICK HERE to submit your virtual ribbon of hope](#). You can also mail them to one of Prepare New York's partners, Intersections International, 274 Fifth Avenue, New York, NY 10001 and we will attach them for you.

Contact Person: Katerina Ragoussi, 212.662.4315

### **Dharma Descendant of Buddha Comes to NYC**

Date: September 15, 2011

Time: doors open 6:30 pm, program begins promptly at 7:00pm

Location: Riverside Church

Info: We invite you to experience the greatest living master of Ganhwa Seon (Korean Zen). Master Jinje practices a distinctive questioning style of meditation that traces its roots back to the Buddha and remains virtually unknown in the US. Until now. As this vibrant figure introduces us to his wisdom and path to inner peace, please join dignitaries and interfaith leaders, who will gather alongside 100 Korean monks against a backdrop of traditional pageantry, drumbeat, ceremony and chant, to celebrate this historic event. Event and reception free of charge. VISIT and RSVP: [www.jinje.us](http://www.jinje.us)

Contact Person: Susan Barnett, 212.989.2956 or [skbarnett@nyc.rr.com](mailto:skbarnett@nyc.rr.com)

### **In Our Son's Name: What Does Justice Mean in the Aftermath of Violence?**

Date: September 7

Time: 12pm to 2pm

Location: Fordham University, Rose Hill Campus (Simulcast Lincoln Ctr campus: Rm 309) 441 East Fordham Road, "Keating Third" Bronx, NY

Info: Documentary film screening and Q&A session. Join filmmaker Gayla Jamison and Fordham professor of sociology Orlando Rodriguez and his wife, Phyllis, whose son's death in the World Trade Center on September 11, 2001 made them question conventional ideas of justice and retribution. Call 718.817.1000 for info.

### **Where is God Ten Years After 9/11?**

Date: Thursday, September, 8th, 2011

Time: Noon-1:30pm

Location: New York Theological Seminary Conference Room. 475 Riverside Drive, 5th floor. New York, NY 10115

Info: Speakers from different faiths will reflect, followed by conversation with all assembled. Confirmed speakers include: T.K. Nakagi of the Buddhist Leadership Council; John Thatamanil of Union Theological Seminary; Peter Heltzel of New York Theological Seminary; and Annie Rawlings of The Interfaith Center of New York.

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### **A Conversation with Abigail Disney on Women, War, and Peace**

Date: Friday, September 16th, 2011

Time: 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Location: Desmond Tutu Center

Info: "Women, War and Peace" This bold, new, PBS mini-series airs on 5 Tuesdays, beginning October 11, 2011. Produced by THIRTEEN and Fork Films, the series challenges "the conventional wisdom that war and peace are men's domain and places women at the center of an urgent dialogue about conflict and security." [www.pbs.org](http://www.pbs.org). We will first show the trailer for the series. The Rev. Chloe Breyer, Episcopal priest in the Diocese of New York and Exec. Director of the Interfaith Center of New York will then conduct a 45 minute interview with Abigail

Disney, followed by a period of questions and a brief reception. Tickets are \$45. Purchase tickets online at <http://anglicanwomensempowerment.org/donate-to-awe/>

### **9/11 Journeys From Direct Impact to Community Building and Peacemaking**

Date: Thursday, September 8th, 2011

Time: 7:00pm-8:30pm

Location: New York Open Center. 22 East 30th Street in Manhattan – between 5th & Madison Avenues

Info: Hear from a First Responder who builds friendships between First Responders in the U.S. and First Responders in Afghanistan and other countries at war; from a Survivor of 9/11 who teaches engagement skills to organizations is also a professional mediator and trainer of mediators; and from a Disaster Response professional who also describes herself as a “Community Chaplain.” Moderated by Dr. Sarah Sayeed, Program Associate, The Interfaith Center of New York.

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### **Other New York Area Interfaith Events**

#### **Hand in Hand Remembering 9/11**

Date: Saturday, September 10, 2011

Time: Check-in Stations open from 7:30 a.m. - 8:15 a.m.

Location: Hudson River Waterfront; Lower Manhattan

Info: On Saturday, September 10th, 2011 at 8:46am thousands of people will grasp hands to form a human chain along the waterfront from the tip of Lower Manhattan heading north. There will also be a Wall of Remembrance in historic Battery Park where you can post a message or memento. The 9/11 Memorial Museum will keep a portion of this wall for display for years to come. In addition, downtown non-profits will be hosting special community service projects throughout our neighborhood, and we invite you to get involved and volunteer in the community. Participation in the event is free and open to all, but you must pre-register through the site at <http://www.handinhand911.org>. We encourage you to visit the site and pre-register early to ensure you can participate. We will contact you prior to the event with instructions on

which Check-In station to report to on the morning of September 10th to assign you your place in the chain.

Contact Person: Manhattan Community Board 1, Tabatha Robinson, 212.442.5050  
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### **Micah Doctor of Ministry – Transformational Leadership & Faith-Rooted Organizing**

Date: Beginning October 10th, 2011

Location: New York Theological Seminary, 475 Riverside Drive, Suite 500, New York, NY

You are invited to apply for the Micah D. Min. in Transformational Leadership and Faith Rooted Organizing this Fall at New York Theological Seminary. We are excited about this doctorate that is the first of its kind in the country. Jewish, Christian and Muslim faith leaders are encouraged to apply. The second cohort will begin the week of October 10 14th. Applications are due on September 15th.

Contact Person: To RSVP, or for additional information, contact Rev. Peter Heltzel, Ph.D., Associate Professor of Theology: [peterheltzel@gmail.com](mailto:peterheltzel@gmail.com) or 646.279.6690

### **NYS Congregations in Solidarity with DREAM'ers**

Date: September 16-October 16, 2011

Info: The New York State Interfaith Network for Immigration reform invites New York congregations to join Solidarity with DREAM'ers – a collaboration with the National DREAM Sabbath initiative announced in July by DREAM Act champion Senator Dick Durbin. Participating congregations agree to devote part of a service between September 16 and October 16 to preaching and teaching about the need to protect DREAM'ers from deportation and support the DREAM Act.

The Interfaith Network will send you a DREAM Sabbath Toolkit to assist in preparation of the service, and to provide a DREAM'er to speak at the service if you wish. President Obama's new policy on deportations, announced on August 18th, will save many DREAM'ers already in deportation proceedings from being deported, and we applaud his action. But young undocumented immigrants not in deportation proceedings may not be helped by the new policy – young people who must continue to live in the shadows, ineligible for citizenship and unable to fulfill their dreams and help build the America of tomorrow. The shared values of our diverse faith communities – the values of justice, of compassion, of fair and generous treatment of the

strangers among us – require us to be part of the solution by helping to build support for the DREAM Act.

To join in the national effort to get behind the DREAM Act and hold a DREAM'er Solidarity Service in your faith community, please email [ssayeed@interfaithcenter.org](mailto:ssayeed@interfaithcenter.org).

### **Your help needed: Host homes, Welcome Kits, Metrocards, etc... for Asylum Seekers**

Info: For more than 12 years, Riverside Sojourners volunteers have visited immigration detention centers in the New York City area to befriend asylum seekers -- people who are fleeing persecution in their home countries and are detained simply for asking the United States to protect them. Now the Sojourners -- based at The Riverside Church and with volunteers from several New York universities, community groups and houses of worship -- are helping asylum seekers who have no other friends or family in the U.S. find housing and other support so they can be released from detention, properly document their asylum claim and start to build a new life. To date, Sojourners has helped about 30 people make the transition to freedom and has about a dozen currently in its circle of care. Because it can take months before asylum seekers are authorized to work legally, volunteers help them make connections for free housing, food sources and pocket money, along with referral to English classes, professional and social contacts, and other key resources.

Can you help? For more information on how you or your organization can provide practical support to asylum seekers -- from money for Metrocards, to dinner invitations, to odd job opportunities, to a free place to stay for a month to several months -- please contact the Sojourners at [sojourners@theriversidechurchny.org](mailto:sojourners@theriversidechurchny.org). We want to build a strong, compassionate network of partners and hosts, and we believe reaching out to the local religious community is a good start. For more, see [www.sojournersvisitorprogram.blogspot.com](http://www.sojournersvisitorprogram.blogspot.com). Thank you!

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