

The Interfaith Center of New York

Connecting Faith and Society



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MISSION STATEMENT

The Interfaith Center of New York seeks to make New York City and the world safe for religious differences by increasing respect and mutual understanding among people of different faith, ethnic, and cultural traditions and by fostering cooperation among religious communities and civic organizations to solve common social problems.



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Houses of Worship Photos on the Cover Front Cover (top row, left to right): Singh Sabha of New York, Flushing; The Cathedral Church of St. John the Divine, Manhattan; Site of proposed Cordoba House (Park51), Manhattan; B'nai Jeshurun, Manhattan. Bottom row: Masjid Malcom Shabbaz, Manhattan; New York Buddhist Church, Manhattan; Hindu Temple Society of North America, Flushing. **Back Cover** (top row): Kamidana, Shinto Altar, International Shinto Foundation, Manhattan; Shrine of St. Elizabeth Seton, Manhattan; Islamic Cultural Center of New York, Manhattan; Russian Orthodox Cathedral of the Transfiguration of Our Lord, Brooklyn. Bottom row: The Manhattan New York Temple of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints; Ammi Evangelical Baptist Church, Brooklyn. **Cover design and report layout by** Grace Lewis.

LETTER FROM FOUNDER AND EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

This past year The Interfaith Center of New York met its greatest challenge since September 11, 2001 with the controversy surrounding Board Member Imam Feisal's proposal to build a Muslim community center and prayer space near Ground Zero. ICNY's staff and board made media appearances, published op-ed articles, spoke out at community board meetings and presented at public panels in support of Cordoba House (Park51) in addition to our regular programming. Our Notable and Noteworthy Page spotlights our actions.

Locally, we found opportunities to highlight interfaith cooperation in favor of mosque projects underway in Sheepshead Bay, Lower Manhattan and Staten Island. We took to the streets and locked arms with faith and community leaders at co-sponsored events such as Unity Walk, Liberty Walk and Building Bridge Coalition Interfaith Walk. Joining top faith leaders at Governor's Island, we stood by Mayor Bloomberg when he delivered his speech supporting religious freedom and the right to build houses of worship. We have had the opportunity to listen to 9/11 families, first responders, and neighbors about their fears and concerns provoked by Cordoba House (Park51). As of late, we have been asked by the staff of the National September 11 Memorial & Museum at the World Trade Center to help secure donations of memorial artifacts to the Museum from families of 9/11 victims who may be underrepresented in the Museum's current collection, including those from Muslim and immigrant families.

The debate about constructing sacred spaces gave rise to selecting "Religious Liberty in Brick and Mortar" as the theme of this fall's *Rabbi Marshall T. Meyer Retreat*. Leading zoning and planning experts, historic land-marking specialists, first amendment rights attorneys, and religious leaders were invited to inform 70 religious leaders on best practices of turning vacant lots or unused religious properties into welcoming houses of worship.

Serving as a constructive agent of change, ICNY is pairing Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of New York with local Muslim organizations in the Bronx, Manhattan and Staten Island, and helping to birth lasting relationships based on trust, amicable co-existence, and real benefits to the community. Catholic and Muslim representatives from social service organizations have come together to collaborate on a mutual community-based project. Sharing best practices for food pantries in the Bronx, rehabilitating houses of worship in Staten Island and accessing legal services for immigrants in Manhattan are just some examples of projects that have already or are about to launch.

We ask that you and a friend join us as guests for an evening at New York Public Library as we present "*411 on Faith*," a series of moderated conversations with local religious leaders about their faith traditions and experiences at eight branches in the Bronx, Manhattan and Staten Island from October through February. This program is complementary to NYPL's exhibition, *Three Faiths: Judaism, Christianity, Islam* now showing at its main building on Fifth Avenue and 42nd Street.



The Very Rev. James Parks Morton
Founder and Chair Emeritus



The Rev. Chloe Breyer
Executive Director

GROWING ICNY PROGRAMS THROUGH

Training Religious Leaders in Domestic Violence Prevention

Domestic violence is a problem across all faith communities and still a taboo subject in too many congregations. Supported by a generous grant from Social Visions, M.L. Resources, ICNY has joined forces with CONNECT, a noted domestic violence prevention agency, to inform religious leaders about the dynamics underlying this problem, link religious leaders to community-based counseling and legal resources, and take action to eradicate it within their sphere of influence. Over a two-year period, ICNY plans to train 30-40 religious leaders who have committed to participate in educational workshops and have agreed to sponsor prevention programs in their houses of worship.

Using Houses of Worship as Alternative for Safe Exchanges of Children

A seed planted three years ago with ICNY's partnership with the New York State Unified Court System has borne fruit. At a 2007 *Courts Roundtable* about domestic violence, religious leaders discussed the challenge of arranging a safe place to exchange children when the court orders visitation for non-custodial parents with a history of domestic violence, substance abuse, or absenteeism. The cash-strapped courts considered police precincts, McDonald's restaurants, and Wal-Mart stores as de facto safe sites because of camera surveillance. ICNY launched a safe-exchange pilot program between the New York Family Court and St. Luke A.M.E. Church with assistance from innovative organizations including CONNECT, Safe Horizon, and the Center for Court Innovation. This pilot initiative recognizes that many houses of worship already serve as sanctuaries for amnesty gun programs, abandoned infants, and after-school tutoring programs. Over 20 safe exchange volunteer monitors have undergone domestic violence prevention and court protocol trainings, been approved by the courts, and eagerly await court referrals to test the success of this first-time all-trained volunteer pilot program in a house of worship. ICNY is in discussion with other houses of worship to expand the program to other boroughs.

Seeding Model Catholic-Muslim Community Development Initiative

With philanthropic backing from the GHR Foundation, the first large-scale and sustained interfaith collaboration between Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of New York and Muslim social service organizations and mosques is underway in the Bronx, Staten Island and Manhattan. In the Bronx, volunteers from the Muslim Women's Institute for Research and Development, Catholic Charities Emergency Food Program at St. Francis of Assisi and the Mobile Food Pantry have jointly participated in several activities. Volunteers received training from the U.S. Census Bureau and encouraged pantry food clients to complete Census forms. Together

COLLABORATION



they wrote letters to Congress advocating passage to reauthorize the Children's Nutrition Act. Recently, volunteers met with their local City Councilmember to underscore the need for continued funding for emergency food. In Staten Island, the Miraj School and Albanian Islamic Cultural Center, Catholic Charities, and Catholic Youth Organization conducted a joint service project in which teens visited each other's house of worship, helped clean-up the worship space, and learned about social justice in each other's religions. In Manhattan, the Al Aqsa Mosque, Mosque of Islamic Brotherhood, Touba Mosque-Murid Community, Catholic Charities, and the Harlem Vicariate are in dialogue to determine a joint project.

The 411 on Faith: Communities in Dialogue

In partnership with New York Public Library, Program Associate Henry Goldschmidt moderates a series of conversations with local spiritual leaders about their faith traditions and experiences at local branches in the Bronx, Manhattan and Staten Island. Consider yourself invited and come join us at these scheduled gatherings:



Panelists at "411 on Faith" held at Parkchester Library (left to right): Henry Goldschmidt, ICNY; Juan Carlos Ruiz, Deputy Director of Youth Ministries for Peace and Justice; Pandit Vishnu Sukul, spiritual leader of Vishnu Mandir (Hindu); Shaykh Moussa Drammeh, Director, Islamic Cultural Center of North America.

- Woodlawn Heights, Wednesday, December 15, 5 p.m., 4355 Katonah Avenue, Bronx
- Mulberry Street, Wednesday, January 5, 6 p.m., 10 Jersey Street, Manhattan
- St. Agnes, Tuesday, January 18, 5:30 p.m., 444 Amsterdam Avenue, Manhattan
- Webster, Thursday, February 17, 6:00 p.m., 1465 York Avenue, Manhattan
- Riverdale, Tuesday, February 22, 6:00 p.m., 5540 Mosholu Avenue, Bronx

CONTINUING ICNY'S COMMITMENT TO

NYS Unified Court Roundtable Program

ICNY aims to demystify the court system for religious leaders and link them when possible to accessible and affordable community-based resources. Religious leaders in all five boroughs learned about tools to successfully navigate the complex Family Court system. They became aware of the breadth of Family Court in stabilizing and securing safety for families involving domestic violence, seeking child support, understanding foster care or adoption procedures, and resolving custody or visitation disputes. Teaming up with LawHelp.org/NY, ICNY has encouraged faith leaders to host free legal aid programs about housing, work, family, bankruptcy, disability, immigration and other topics of concern to empower their communities.

Social Work and Religious Diversity

Over 100 student and experienced social workers honed their cultural competency skills by learning about seven faith traditions over a six-week period with funding from the Archdiocese of New York, Achelis Foundation, Institute for Intercultural Studies, The New York Community Trust, and UJA-Federation of New York. Panels of academics, religious leaders, and social workers highlighted the history of the religious tradition, diversity within the religion, cultural norms, and best practices of working with clients. The social workers in attendance

“I appreciated the opportunity for religious community leaders to honestly respond to difficult questions pertaining to domestic violence, geriatric care, substance abuse, and LGBT issues.”

—Social Work and Religious Diversity Participant

represented the leading faith-based and secular voluntary and government agencies and covered various client populations including seniors, teens, mentally ill, domestic violence victims, and gay, lesbian, and transgender cases. As an outgrowth of this program, NYC Administration for Children Services requested ICNY to convene a panel of Muslim imams to inform their social workers, employees and representatives from human service organizations about the customs and traditions of the Islamic faith.

Religious Diversity in America

Over twenty-five educators from parochial, private and public schools spent a week of their summer vacation learning about the inter and intra religious diversity of six faith traditions and earning credit from the University of Pennsylvania. Panels of academics and religious leaders

CIVIC CONNECTIONS



lectured about the origins and customs of the religious traditions. Field trips to houses of worship including mosques, Hindu temples, synagogues, and churches provided educators with experiential learning. Thanks to the Meehan Foundation, 10 Catholic educators from the Archdiocese of New York and the Roman Catholic Diocese of Brooklyn were provided with scholarships.



This course gave flesh to book knowledge. It showed the real complexities of real believers in their everyday lives”

—Religious Diversity in American Participant

ICNY continues to be of service to these educators as they develop classroom curricula, project and programs about interfaith diversity for their students. Recently, Program Associate Henry Goldschmidt accompanied 60 students from Explorations Academy High School on a tour of the Hindu Temple Society of North America, The China Buddhist Association, and the Muslim Center of New York in Flushing and followed up by holding a de-briefing session for them the next day.



Matt Weiner, ICNY; Tom Dobbins & George Horton, Catholic Charities of Archdiocese of New York; Imam Talib, The Mosque of Islamic Brotherhood, Inc. discussing Manhattan collaboration project.

EXTENDING ICNY'S REACH



Top: Shaykh Dr. Ibrahim Abdul-Malik conversing with Alice Fisher, B'nai Jeshurun
Bottom: Janan Delgado, Park51, with Mrs. Fatima Sayeed.

Named for a distinguished New York rabbi immersed in social justice work and committed to building partnerships with other faith communities, The Rabbi Marshall T. Meyer Retreats for Social Justice, ICNY's longest running program has provided opportunities for diverse grassroots religious leaders to learn about social justice issues in an interfaith context and has incubated several off-shoot programs and initiatives.

23rd Rabbi Marshall T. Meyer Retreat for Social Justice: Building Economic Resilience in Faith Communities

The downturn in the economy and impact on faith communities served as the impetus for over 100 faith leaders to explore interfaith perspectives on wealth and economic struggles, learn about government and nonprofit agencies that help to financially empower communities, and find out about faith-based alternatives to lending at high interest at a two-day retreat at Stony Point in January.

24th Rabbi Marshall T. Meyer Retreat for Social Justice: Religious Liberty in Brick & Mortar

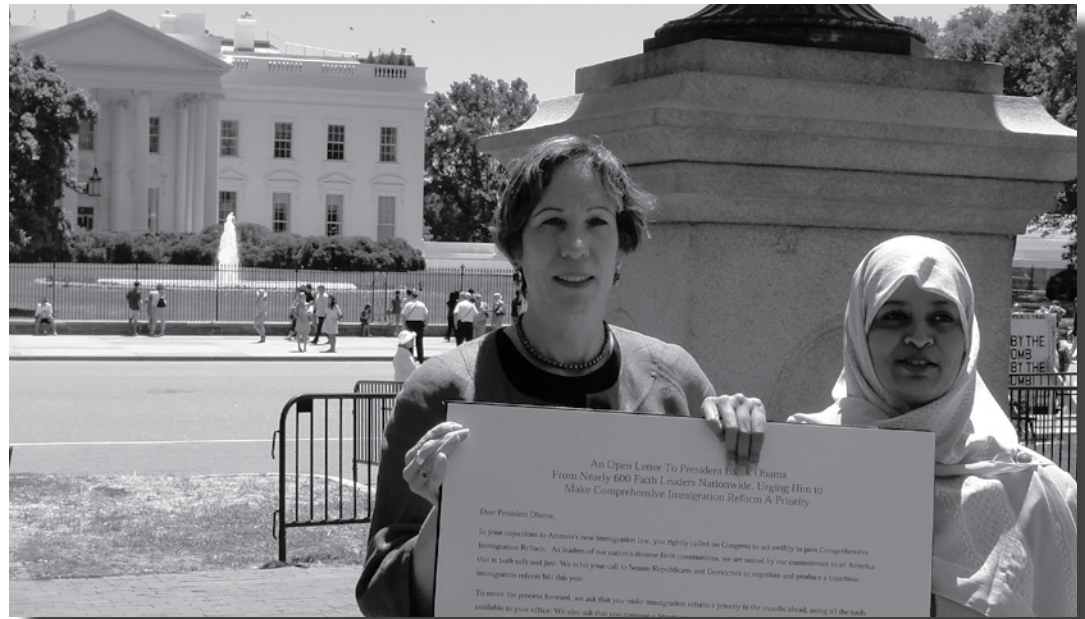
The meaning of sacred space for different faith communities and how houses of worship are organized were explored at this fall's retreat. Over 70 religious leaders gathered to learn about the practical steps communities can take to build new houses of worship, and to save existing ones that are in disrepair or need expansion. Representatives from Jain, Sikh, Muslim and Shango traditions offered remarks about what makes a space "sacred." Prominent Urban Planning Professor Peter Marcuse offered tips for planning sacred spaces and the Mayor's Office of Community Affairs Commissioner Nazli Parvizi and Manhattan Director Lolita Jackson provided information about the role the local community board plays in the planning and zoning approval procedures. Attorney Eric Kniffin of the Becket Fund for Religious Liberty spoke about case law under the federal *Religious Land Use and Institutionalized Persons Act*. The event ended on an emotional note with presentations from Marci Reaven of *Place Matters*, Melissa Baldock of *Municipal Arts Society* and Rev. Dr. Bob Breashear, of *West Park Presbyterian Church* that touched on challenges for congregations caught in the midst of the city's historic land-marking designation process.

NYS Interfaith Network for Immigration Reform

The Rabbi Marshall Meyer Retreat in 2009 focused on the injustices of the current broken immigration system since many of ICNY's network of grassroots religious leaders work in immigrant communities. ICNY helped establish the New York State Interfaith Network for Immigration Reform in conjunction with and as a follow-up to this retreat. With the election of Pres-



ident Obama, immigration advocates believed that the timing was right to pass legislation that would reunify families, create a legal pathway to citizenship and safely secure our borders by creating a fair and just system. Faith leaders have a unique authority to promote social justice by injecting moral and ethical voice into public policy debates. ICNY's contribution to this on-going effort included the shaping of Interfaith Convocation for Immigration Reform attended by U.S. Representative Charles Rangel and other religious leaders at Riverside Church and where they heard the call to pressure Congress to act. ICNY also was successful at obtaining over 600 signatures from faith leaders nationally for a letter requesting President Obama to work with Congress towards passing immigration reform legislation. The letter was hand delivered to President Obama's immigration advisors and the subject of a press conference covered by national and international media.



Ellen Greeley and Sarah Sayeed at an immigration reform press conference in Washington, DC.

Faith Leaders For Environmental Justice/Faith Leaders for Food Justice

Founded in 2008 following a Rabbi Marshall T. Meyer Retreat on Environmental Justice, ICNY jumpstarted this diverse array of faith leaders committed to making deep impact in New York City through coordinated collective action. The coalition is currently focused on issues of food justice, climate justice, and energy consumption recognizing the enormous gap that exists between resourced and under-resourced communities. ICNY promotes the activities of these coalitions to faith leaders through its monthly electronic newsletters. Related to these coalitions is *The Faith Fights Diabetes Campaign* in which ICNY has been successful in signing up five houses of worship to participate in a diabetes prevention program for their congregation members.

JPM INTERNATIONAL VISITING FELLOWS SISTER CITIES PROGRAM: BARCELONA, SPAIN OCTOBER 18 – 27, 2010



Above: NY & Glasgow Delegates.
Below: The Most Ven. K.
Rewatha Thero, Chief Monk of
Great Britain.

ment and Badalona City Council, and tours of religious institutions including Barcelona Jewish Community Synagogue, Tibet House, Sagrada Familia Church, Badalona Sikh Community, the Cor de Maria Catholic Church and the Philadelphia Pentecostal Church.

New York Delegation

Rev. Chloe Breyer, Executive Director, The Interfaith Center of New York and Assistant Minister at St. Mary's Episcopal Church.

Judy Chen, Vice President of the Buddhist Council of New York, Vice President of the American Buddhist Council, and Board of directors of Crosscurrents. **Rabbi Michael Feinberg**, Executive Director, Greater New York Labor-Religion Coalition.

Chan Jamoona, Director

and Founder of the Untied Hindu Cultural Council Senior Center. **Arvind Kohli**, Program Coordinator for United Sikhs. **Robina Niaz**, Executive Director, Turning Point for Women and Families. **The Rev. Ted Pardoe**, Assistant Rector at Grace Church (Episcopal) and Co-Chair of the Interfaith Center of New York. **Detective Jeff Thompson**, New York Police Department, Bureau of Community Affairs and Certified Mediator.

With support from the Daniel and Joanna S. Rose Fund, an eight-member delegation of interfaith leaders from New York, Barcelona and Glasgow met in Barcelona to exchange best practices and encourage joint reflection on the scope of dialogue between different religious communities and between these communities and civil society. Hosting this year's exchange was UNESCO Center of Catalonia (a non-government organization that aims to build bridges among diverse cultures in the areas of human rights, culture of peace, cultural diversity, and biodiversity). UNESCO Center arranged for the delegates to meet with a captivating array of local religious communities, policy makers, and representatives from local government, social services, police and the judiciary. Highlights of the visit included a reception by Barcelona's Civil Rights Councillor at City Hall, discussions with Catalan Police Law Enforcement



NOTABLE AND NOTEWORTHY

To learn about ICNY's latest activities and to join our monthly ICNY e-blast list – a kind of “Goings on Around Town” from an interfaith perspective – we ask you to log on to our website at www.interfaithcenter.org.

Public & Ceremonial Events

ICNY Director **The Rev. Chloe Breyer** spoke in favor of developing Cordoba House (Park51) at a Manhattan Community Board 1 meeting (5/25/10) and Program Director **Matt Weiner** stood by Mayor Bloomberg and faith leaders on Governor's Island when the Mayor delivered his speech calling for religious tolerance and respect for diversity (8/3/10). **The Rev. Chloe Breyer** co-signed with 40 prominent national Christian, Jewish and Muslim leaders a press statement that condemns xenophobia and religious intolerance (8/11/10) and attended **President Obama's Iftar Dinner** (8/25/10). ICNY co-sponsored the annual **Eid-Al-Fitr Dinner** marking the end of Ramadan with Union Seminary (9/13/10) and coordinated the interfaith portion of the **9/11 World Trade Center Annual Floating Lanterns Ceremony** led by ICNY Board Member **Rev. T.K. Nakagaki** of the New York Buddhist Church. The memorial held for the last nine years commemorates the victims of the World Trade Center tragedy at Pier 40 in Manhattan. ICNY also helped to arrange for United Sikhs to serve dinner to participants. ICNY joined **New York Neighbors for American Values**, a coalition of community and interfaith groups, committed to embracing the American constitutional values of religious freedom, diversity, and equality and promoted and participated in the **9/12 Liberty Walk – An Interfaith Rally for Religious Freedom**, held at St. Peter's Church near the Cordoba House site. ICNY marched in the **Children of Abraham Peace Walk** in Sheepshead Bay and the **Building Bridges Coalition of Staten Island Interfaith Walk** (8/29/10) to demonstrate support for proposed mosques in both communities.



Awards

Manhattan Borough President Scott Stringer honored ICNY for preserving the diversity of New York City and strengthening New York City's Muslim community at his annual Iftar Dinner. **Blanton-Peale Institute** presented the **2010 Norman Vincent Peale Award for Positive Thinking** to **The Very Rev. James Parks Morton**, Founder and Chair, Emeritus of ICNY at its annual gala benefit luncheon (5/11/10). He was also designated by **The Temple of Understanding** as an “Interfaith Visionary” at its Call to Action Conference (10/19/10).

Published Articles & Media Appearances

Program & Communications Associate Sarah Sayeed & Development Director Ellen Greeley with colleagues from NYS Interfaith Network for Immigration Reform held a press conference televised on PBS Religion & Ethics Weekly in Washington, DC (7/1/10) to present President Obama with a signed letter from 600 religious leaders urging the passage of immigration reform legislation. **The Rev. Chloe Breyer** appeared on *Money Rocks* Fox Business News hosted by Eric Bolling as a panelist with Manhattan Borough President Scott Stringer supporting Cordoba House (Park51) (8/26/10). She made a return visit (8/30/10) to support City Comptroller John Liu's position in using tax-free municipal bonds to help finance Cordoba House. **The Rev. Chloe Breyer & Matt Weiner** co-authored several articles appearing on-line in the **Huffington Post**. They include “*The Faithful Search: A Civics Primer for Real Patriots*” which offers readers a refresher course of the historic importance of religious freedom as a basic American value (8/9/10), and “*An Interfaith Buddhist Response to the Ground Zero Protests*” (9/8/10), which discuss the interfaith Floating Lantern Ceremony that took place on September 11 at Pier 40. **Matt Weiner** co-edited September publication of **CrossCurrents** dedicated to the theme of “Religion and the United Nations”. **Sarah Sayeed** gave a personal perspective about the mosque controversy in “*Building Shared Cultural and Spiritual Spaces: Lessons in the Mosque Debate*” also published in **The Huffington Post** (8/31/10).

TREASURER'S REPORT

Fiscal 2010's results exceeded expectations with ICNY finishing the period with both a positive cash flow and a positive revenue balance despite the straitened economy. ICNY diversified its support base by adding new private foundations as sources of revenue and obtaining the largest program grant in its history. This enabled the organization to give a long overdue, though modest, increase in salaries to its staff, the first in some years.

With the help of Board Member Leonard T. Jordan, Jr., ICNY put into place for its staff a 401(k) plan and a flexible benefits plan. ICNY's long-term financial position has stabilized through efforts of staff including new Development Director Ellen Greeley who is leading the charge in obtaining additional funds from institutional sources, attracting new donors, increasing coordination between the program staff and the development head, and increasing emphasis on its existing, long-time, faithful donor group.

Statement of Activities

	2010 Total	2009 Total
REVENUE AND SUPPORT		
Contributions and grants	\$ 598,492	\$ 560,485
In-kind contributions	91,354	34,804
Special events, net of direct costs	140,329	185,588
Program fees	4,212	4,768
Interest income	2,343	1,894
Other income	146	14,659
Realized & unrealized gain on investments	1,132	672
Net assets released from restrictions	0	0
Total Revenue and Support	\$ 838,008	\$ 808,869
EXPENSES		
Program services	443,560	432,177
General and administrative	195,336	136,419
Fundraising	\$ 192,512	\$ 177,769
Total Expenses	\$ 831,408	\$ 746,365
Change in Net Assets	6,600	56,504
NET ASSETS		
Beginning of year	\$ 525,597	\$ 469,093
End of year	\$ 532,197	\$ 525,597



Cash on hand at fiscal year-end was \$483,992, an increase of 4.8 percent over the previous year-end. Excluding donated services, expenses were 1.1 percent over budget, while income was 8.2 percent over budget; net income was considerably over budget, due to foundation grants more than offsetting a fall-off in individual contributions. On a functional expense basis (excluding donated services expenses), program services were 60 percent of total expenses, comparable to fiscal 2009's 61 percent, general administrative remained at 14 percent and fund-raising rose 1 percent from 2009's 25 percent. The staff's attentiveness to fiscal constraints during the year was gratifying.

Stephen Guittard, *Treasurer*

Statement of Financial Position

	2010 Total	2009 Total
ASSETS		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 262,206	\$ 461,970
Investments	221,786	0
Prepaid expenses	3,127	15,075
Pledges and other receivables	79,573	91,248
Property and equipment, net	3,920	6,954
Total Assets	\$ 570,612	\$ 575,247
LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS		
Liabilities		
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	38,415	49,650
Net Assets		
Unrestricted	226,290	399,388
Temporarily restricted	305,907	126,209
Total Net Assets	\$ 532,197	\$ 525,597
	\$ 570,612	\$ 575,247

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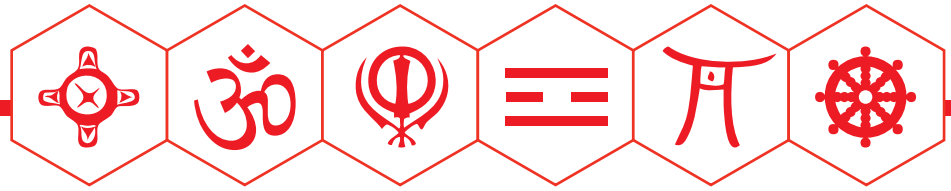
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THE JPM INTERFAITH AWARD DINNER

Over 250 friends, guests, and religious leaders celebrated American-born composer Philip Glass for his contribution to peace and interfaith understanding at The Eighth Annual James Parks Morton Award Dinner at New York's Tribeca Rooftop amid breathtaking sunsets and vistas in early June. Philip Glass attributes his distinct style of music to having spent two years transcribing Indian musician Ravi Shankar's music into Western notation. His repertoire includes music for opera, dance, theater, chamber ensemble, orchestra and film and he received an Academy Award nomination for his score for Martin Scorsese's *Kundun* and a Golden Globe Award for Peter Weir's *The Truman Show*. At the event, Sam Waterston, Tony-nominated actor on *Law & Order* served as our gracious Master of Ceremonies; Philip Glass performed *Metamorphosis* in three parts solo on the baby grand piano; and Sister Aisha Al-Adawiya, Founder of Women in Islam, Arvind Kaur, Multifaith Program Coordinator at United Sikhs, and Lisa Sharon Harper, Executive Director of NY Faith and Justice spoke about how work supported by ICNY helped to enrich the life of their religious communities.



NEW TO ICNY



Ellen Greeley, Development Director, was attracted to ICNY because of its versatility and agility to work on the ground with committed partners on social justice issues impacting communities of faith. Having served as a philanthropist advisor for private and family foundations and as a policy chief for New York City government, she seeks to champion ICNY to the board rooms of foundations, corporations, and government agencies by writing engaging proposals and renewals. Diversifying ICNY's sources of revenue is Greeley's utmost priority, enabling ICNY to increase its capacity and advance its mission. She earned a MS from Stony Brook in public policy analysis. She currently serves as a steering board member for both the Hudson Valley Community Coalition and New York State Interfaith Network for Immigration Reform. She is a board member of Oxford Academy Preparatory School and co-chair of Temple Israel of Northern Westchester's Social Justice Committee. Ellen lives in Northern Westchester with her husband and two sons.



Henry Goldschmidt, Program Associate, is a cultural anthropologist, community educator, and scholar of New York's religious diversity who has replaced Raffaele Timarchi. He is the author of *Race and Religion among the Chosen Peoples of Crown Heights* (Rutgers University Press, 2006), and coeditor of *Race, Nation, and Religion in the Americas* (Oxford University Press, 2004). He received his Ph.D. in anthropology from the University of California at Santa Cruz, and went on to teach anthropology and religious studies at Wesleyan University and elsewhere. But he was delighted to leave the academy for a job at ICNY, in order to work more closely with the diverse communities of the city he loves. He is a native New Yorker and fanatic Brooklynite, and lives in Park Slope with his wife Jillian Shagan and their children Anabel and Michael.



David Rohde, Board Member, is a two-time Pulitzer Prize winning reporter for *The New York Times* who has covered the conflicts in Afghanistan, Pakistan, Iraq, Israel-Palestine, and Bosnia. He is the co-author of the forthcoming book *A Rope and A Prayer: A Kidnapping from Two Sides* (November, 2010: Viking), November 2010) and the *Endgame: The Betrayal and Fall of Srebrenica, Europe's Worst Massacre Since World War II* (1997: Farrar, Straus and Giroux; 1998: Westview Press). A five-part series he wrote for *The New York Times* on his seven-month captivity with the Taliban won the 2010 Michael Kelly, George Polk, Medill Medal for Courage and ASNE awards. He was also a finalist for the Pulitzer Prize in International Reporting. Previously, Rohde served as the *Times'* South Asia Bureau Co-Chief in New Delhi from 2002 to 2005 and as a metropolitan news reporter from 1996 to 2001. He was the Eastern Europe Correspondent for *The Christian Science Monitor* from 1994 to 1996 and a suburban correspondent for *The Philadelphia Inquirer* from 1992 to 1993. He was part of an eight-reporter team from the *Times* that won the 2009 Pulitzer Prize for International Reporting for its coverage of Afghanistan and Pakistan. In 1996, his stories for *The Christian Science Monitor* on the mass execution of 8,000 Bosnian Muslims after the fall of Srebrenica won the Pulitzer Prize for International Reporting. Rohde grew up in New England and graduated Brown University. He and his wife, Kristen Mulvihill, live in New York City.



Katerina Sokolova, Board Member, brings to the ICNY Board a breadth of experience working with international and interfaith communities. Trained in international conflict resolution and comparative religions, Sokolova's exceptional set of skills have been successfully applicable in both international business and non-governmental organizations. As director for OCO Global, Sokolova provides strategic consulting to foreign businesses seeking investment opportunities in the United States and worldwide. Previously, she worked with The Global Peace Initiative of Women where she assisted with interfaith projects requiring collaboration with United Nations agencies and national governments. Sokolova also worked as a program assistant for The Millennium World Peace Summit where she contributed to Eastern European youth interfaith development initiatives and provided logistical support for the Sarajevo Youth Peace Summit. Sokolova holds a Master's Degree in International Conflict Resolution and Comparative Religions from Harvard University. She has also attended graduate level business and international relations courses at Columbia University's School of International and Public Affairs.

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In Memoriam: Hilary Morton Shontz



Hilary was born on February 5, 1958, in New York City. She moved to the Cathedral Close in 1972, where her family lived for 25 years. Hilary attended Spence School and Colby College, and married David Shontz in 1986. After working as an executive recruiter, and an event planner for the Metropolitan Opera, Hilary chose to stay home to raise her two children, Harry and Jamie, whom she treasured above all else.

Hilary died Wednesday 7 July and her beautiful funeral was held at The Cathedral of St. John the Divine Monday 12 July. Hilary is survived by her two children, Harry and Jamie; her husband David; her sisters, Polly, Sophia and Maria; and her parents, James and Pamela. All of her family and all of her friends will always be thankful for the years they shared, the happiness she brought to their lives, and the dignity with which she faced her long struggle. She will be in their hearts forever.

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