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ICNY December Supplement:

Sandy Far Rockaway Forum Homelessness Retreat Human Rights Day NYPD Reform Action

Dear Friends:

We are sending a supplemental bulletin to highlight three important programs/events that The Interfaith Center of New York is either hosting or cosponsoring, and to offer new information about events and resources connected to ongoing recovery efforts from Superstorm Sandy. As recovery efforts continue, we may send emails more frequently than our customary monthly e-bulletin. We trust that you will understand our concern to send timely information.

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

27th Rabbi Marshall T. Meyer Retreat for Social Justice: The Challenge of Homelessness: Strategies to Provide Support and Restore Hope

Date: Wednesday, January 30, 2013

Time: 8:30 am - 5:00 pm

Location: Dining Rooms C&D, Interchurch Center, 475 Riverside Drive (entrance also on Claremont, between W. 120th and 119th). Close to #1 train, 116th Street, Columbia University station

Each night more than 50,000 New Yorkers experience homelessness. An even more shocking statistic is that nearly 40%, or 20,000 of the homeless individuals are children. The number of homeless New Yorkers in shelters has risen by more than half over the past decade. Join a diverse group of New York's religious leaders as we learn and discuss the causes of homelessness, and who is typically most at risk. Learn about how faith leaders can get involved in the service and advocacy options to transform homelessness. This is an informational and networking program for clergy, grassroots lay leaders, faith-based service providers and advocacy leaders concerned about homelessness in New York City. Please RSVP early as space is limited- registration is required. Questions may be directed to ssayed@interfaithcenter.org or (212) 870-3519. To register online, complete the RSVP form here : <https://app.icontact.com/icp/sub/survey/start?sid=13681&cid=48147>.

***** *ICNY Co-Sponsored Events* *****

**Press Conference On International Human Rights Day Supporting NYPD Reforms:
Passage of the “Community Safety Act.”**

Date: Monday, December 10, 2012

Time: 11:00 am

Location: City Hall Steps

This is an interfaith press conference, with some special guests, asking the NY City Council to pass the Community Safety Act – a set of 4 bills that will create an Inspector General for the NYPD, protect New Yorkers against discriminatory surveillance and unlawful searches, and require officers to identify themselves. International Human Rights Day celebrates the world's commitment to the rights of individuals to be free and safe, values enshrined in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. As activists and people of faith, we uphold the essential worth of every person. This December 10th, we raise our voices in support of police reforms that would uphold the dignity of every New Yorker. New Yorkers want a police department that pursues its goals of courtesy, professionalism and respect through greater transparency and equal protection of all our diverse communities. You can learn more about the Community Safety

Act: <http://changethenypd.org/community-safety-act>.

NYC Interfaith Hunger Summit 2012

Date: Thursday, December 20, 2012

Time: 10:00 am through 4:00 pm

Location: Sockman Lounge, The Interchurch Center, 475 Riverside Drive (at 120th Street), New York, NY 10115

The New York City Interfaith Hunger Summit will bring together a diverse cross-section of faith leaders, congregants, and concerned New Yorkers to discuss ways in which we can all take action to lessen hunger and poverty in our community. In addition to creating greater awareness of the city's hunger and poverty crises, the summit will promote concrete solutions by having participating leaders issue a “Call to Action” which asks elected officials to create jobs and reduce poverty, strengthen the social safety net, and make healthier food more available and affordable in low-income neighborhoods. This conference is co-sponsored by the Interfaith Center of New York and Episcopal Charities of New York. RSVP is required- please sign up at the New York City Coalition Against Hunger website:

<https://www.nyccah.org/civicrm/event/register?id=19&reset=1>. For follow up questions, please contact 212-825-0028 ext 212, or email Theresa Hassler thassler@nyccah.org.

***** *Additional “Sandy” Events and Resources* *****

Hurricane Sandy Faith Community Forum: Meet With Elected Officials

Date: Monday, December 10

Time: 7:00 – 8:00 pm (Registration at 6:30 pm)

Location: St. Mary Star of the Sea Church, 19-20 New Haven Ave (corner Beach 20th St), Far Rockaway, NY 11691

The relief effort is going too slowly:

11,000 New Yorkers in the Rockaways still suffering unnecessarily without heat, hot water and electricity Unfair restrictions on FEMA and State Disaster Unemployment Assistance Mold growing in homes and poor air quality creating toxic conditions for families NYC Rapid Repair Program has fixed only 160 out of 38,000 homes and businesses Families and communities suffering loss of jobs and few temporary housing options

Join thousands of faith leaders and residents from Queens and Brooklyn impacted by Hurricane Sandy for a one hour, focused meeting with elected officials from the City Council, State Legislature, and Federal Government as we plea for a more urgent response to help families recover and rebuild. For more information call Queens Congregations United for Action 718-440-2992.

Actions Steps You Can Take:

- Bring a group to the December 10th Community Forum
- Reach out to Mayor Bloomberg asking him to attend the Community Forum (visit www.nyc.gov for his contact information).
- Spread the word about the December 10th Forum
- Write an editorial to a local newspaper about the conditions of effected communities.
- Visit [Occupy Faith](#) for more information on how you can get involved in future meetings and actions.

From the New York State Bar Association: Free Legal Consultations

Free legal consultations are available for New York residents affected by Sandy. Call the New York State Bar Association's Lawyer Referral and Information Service:

1-800-699-5636 www.nysba.org/Sandy

From Rebuilding Together New York City: Free Home Repairs to Low and At Risk Homeowners

Rebuilding Together NYC provides free home repairs to low and at risk-homeowners throughout the five boroughs and is committed to long-term recovering efforts in Staten Island, Brooklyn and Queens. In addition to investigating current volunteer and repair needs, Rebuilding Together NYC is skilled on large event days and rebuilds and is actively looking for cluster/neighborhood projects to begin in the spring. They are looking for information on homes, community centers, parks, etc. that are in need of repairs as they begin to match large corporate sponsors to projects. Any information on big picture needs in targeted areas of Queens, Brooklyn & Staten Island will be very helpful.

Any homeowners who are in need of home repairs can apply online at www.rebuildingtogethernyc.org. Services are completely free to the homeowner as RTNYC leverages with in-kind donations and a combination of skilled/unskilled volunteers and paid professionals.

From the Red Cross: Assistance Network/Employment Opportunities

The Coordinated Assistance Network (CAN) - this is a a single, secure web site that acts as a repository of client data collected by all local and national partners. In long term recovery, the usage of this system helps to ensure that there is no duplication of services. Here is a link to webex that are ongoing and available to the group: www.can.org/training.

Open positions the Red Cross is currently recruiting for in NYC and Long Island:The easiest way to access the application portal is to go to this link <https://www.americanredcross.apply2jobs.com/ProfExt/index.cfm?fuseaction=mExternal.showSearchInterface>

In the field labeled "Requisition Number", place the corresponding Requisition Number for the position of interest, then hit search at the bottom of the page and the appropriate vacancy announcement will appear and has a direct link to the application portal.

Case Manager-Client Recovery Positions:

<u>Area of Service</u>	<u>Requisition Number</u>
Bronx	NHQ28846
Kings	NHQ28848
Nassau	NHQ28852
Queens	NHQ28851
Richmond	NHQ28855
Rockland	NHQ28861
Suffolk	NHQ28863
Westchester	NHQ28868

Community Recovery Specialist Positions:

<u>Area of Service</u>	<u>Requisition Number</u>
Bronx	NHQ28882
Kings	NHQ28883
Nassau	NHQ28886
Queens	NHQ28885
Richmond	NHQ28887
Rockland	NHQ28889
Suffolk	NHQ28890
Westchester	NHQ28892

Peacelights

Focus: Peace is a sequence of daily multi-participant phone calls taking place from December 7th to December 21st at Noon Eastern Time. These are tele-seminar style calls that last only 20

minutes. They start with a 10 minute teaching by the featured speaker followed by a 5 minute meditation on peace and close with prayers for peace for our planet. The calls are being co-sponsored by Peacelights and We The World. You can learn more and register here: <https://focus-peace.squarespace.com/>