



# INTERFAITH CENTER OF NEW YORK

## September 2017 Interfaith Center of New York Newsletter

### Message from ICNY Executive Director

To all those celebrating today, we wish you a happy Eid al-Adha.

The Interfaith Center of New York is accepting applications until October 2, 2017, for the [Interfaith Civic Leadership Academy](#) (ICLA). The Academy will provide stipends, seed-funding for community projects, and two evening seminars a month from November 2017 until August 2018. Fellows will receive an introduction to the city government from the **Mayor's Office of Immigrant Affairs**; basic legal literacy skills from the **Center for Court Innovation**; "Know Your Rights" workshops led by **CUNY Law School's CLEAR Project**; and an introduction to community organizing taught by **Faith in New York**. To apply go to <http://interfaithcenter.org/icla-apply/>. To nominate someone you know contact [iman@interfaithcenter.org](mailto:iman@interfaithcenter.org). This program is supported by a grant from **Trinity Church Wall Street**.

Holyrood Episcopal Church is a sanctuary congregation in Harlem that, together with the [New Sanctuary Coalition of New York City](#), recently hosted an [Interfaith Vigil for Amanda Morales](#) and her family who have taken [physical sanctuary at Holyrood](#) this past week. To help provide food and assistance to Amanda and her three US citizen children, please donate to the [New Sanctuary Coalition NYC](#) or [Holyrood Episcopal Church](#).

For upcoming accompaniment training opportunities for religious leaders who are interested in supporting people through their ICE appointments [click here](#).

In less than two weeks on September 12, New York City will be holding primary elections in advance of the general election on November 7th when we will elect or reelect our Mayor. Faith in New York has produced both a [voters' guide for faith communities](#) and a [schedule of upcoming candidates' forums](#). Furthermore, as part of the [#faithoverfear](#) initiative, Faith in New York has put together useful information about voting at <https://faithinnewyork.org/faithoverfear>

Finally, statements in response to the violence in Charlottesville last month including from United Sikhs, Union of Reform Judaism, Council of American Islamic Relations-New York, and others can be found on <http://interfaithcenter.org/diverse-faith-communities-stand-united-in-the-face-of-violence-in-charlottesville/> In addition, a statement from the Anti-Defamation League calling on the White House to condemn and cut ties with white supremacy groups can be found here: <https://www.adl.org/news/press-releases/adl-calls-on-white-house-name-the-hate-disavow-all-ties-and-devise-plan-of>

On behalf of all of us at ICNY, we hope you have a good Labor Day Weekend.

Best Wishes,

The Rev. Dr. Chloe Breyer  
Executive Director  
The Interfaith Center of New York



**Interfaith Civic Leadership Academy  
Training for Diverse New York Religious Leaders**



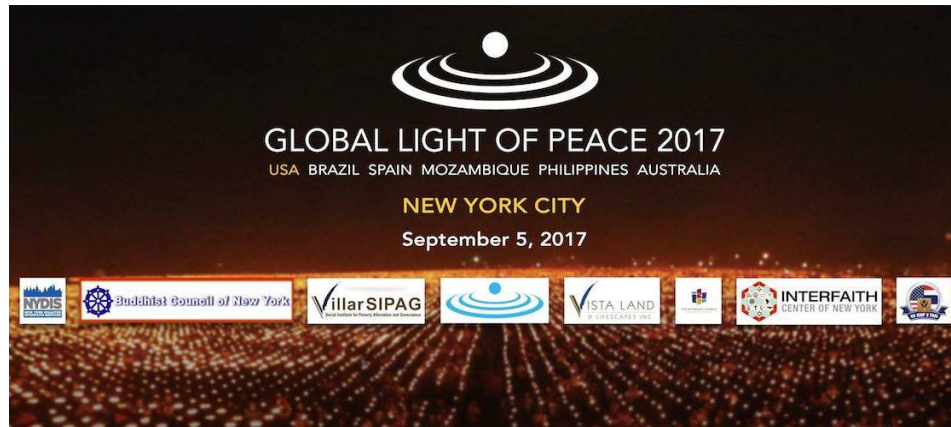
Are you an emerging religious leader or faith-based activist working to empower your community? Is your community impacted by immigration status, affordable housing, hate crimes, discrimination, or other social justice issues? Could you work more effectively with a better understanding of city government, court systems, and civic institutions?

The Interfaith Center of New York is pleased to announce the Interfaith Civic Leadership Academy. Beginning in November, ICNY will sponsor 20 fellows to participate in bi-monthly evening workshops on civic engagement, legal literacy, and community organizing. Workshops will be held at Trinity Church Wall Street, centrally located in lower Manhattan. All fellows will receive \$1,000 personal stipends, and \$500 grants for community projects. Workshops will be led by ICNY staff and our expert training partners, including: the Mayor's Community Affairs Unit, Mayor's Office of Immigrant Affairs, Center for Faith and Community Partnerships, Center for Court Innovation, Legal Hand, Faith in New York, CUNY-CLEAR, and the New York City Police Department.

Applications from leadership fellows are due by October 2, 2017. Apply now at <http://interfaithcenter.org/icla>. Questions? Contact Iman Boukadoum at 212-870-3515 or [iman@interfaithcenter.org](mailto:iman@interfaithcenter.org).



**Global Light of Peace 2017**



**Date:** Tuesday, September 5, 2017

**Time:** 7:00 – 9:00 am

**Location:** Riverside Church, [490 Riverside Drive, New York, NY 10027](#), South Hall

The Middle Way Meditation Institute is organizing a global interfaith peace event called the “Global Light of Peace 2017” and will be organized in 6 continents to celebrate World Peace. The location for North America is the Riverside Church in NYC.

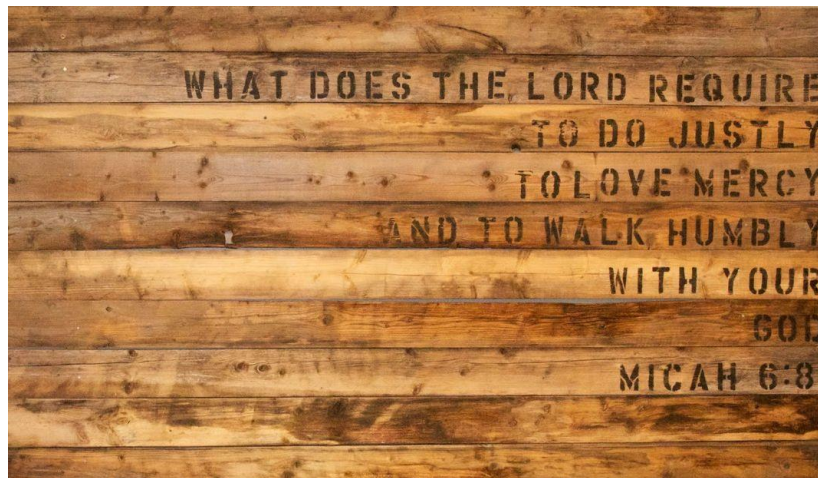
<https://www.facebook.com/glop2017us/>

<http://mdwmeditation.org/>

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### ***We Are One: Micah Faith Table Lunch***



**Date:** Thursday, September 14, 2017

**Time:** 12 noon – 2 pm

**Location:** Riverside Church, [490 Riverside Drive, NYC 10027](#), Room 10T

The Micah Faith Table NYC is a coalition of multi-faith leaders for social justice in NYC. [Rev. Dr. Peter Heltzel](#) will be reflecting on the "Ministers March for Justice" in Washington DC last Monday, and the future of the Micah Institute with the Interfaith Center of New York. For more information, please contact Rev. Joel Gibson, 212-870-3518.

## Other Events & Resources



If you have an upcoming event that you think ICNY's audience might like to know about, please notify us by [filling out this event form](#). We have final discretion about what events are included in the Newsletter.

### ***Immigrant Rights Contingent at 2017 NYC Labor Day Parade***

**2017 NEW YORK CITY LABOR DAY PARADE**

**NEW YORK CITY**

**WORKING TOGETHER**

**LEADING THE WAY**

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 10AM**

PARADE STEPS OFF FROM  
44TH STREET & FIFTH AVENUE

NYCCLC.ORG #LDP2017

**GRAND MARSHAL**  
EDGAR ROMNEY  
SECRETARY-TREASURER  
WORKERS UNITED, SEIU

**PARADE CHAIR**  
JAMES J. CLAFFEY, JR.  
PRESIDENT, LOCAL ONE  
INTERNATIONAL VP, IATSE

**Date:** Saturday, September 9, 2017

**Time:** 10:00 am

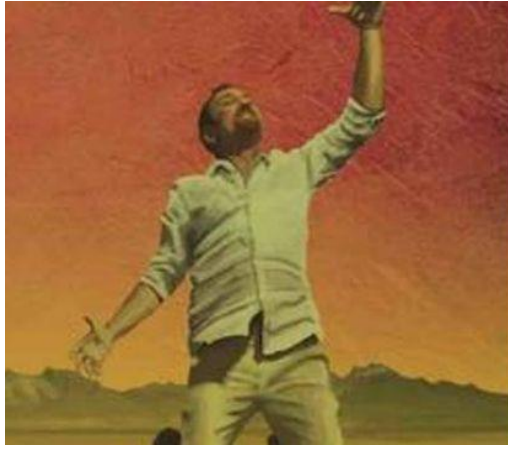
**Location:** [5th Ave & E 44th St, New York, NY 10036](#)

We are New York City, and workers here set the standard that other cities follow. We come from all backgrounds and all walks of life, and we all play an important role in helping to keep NYC a world class, union-made city. Please join faith leaders with the Greater New York Labor-Religion Coalition in the lead parade contingent, marching for immigrant rights!

[Click here for more info.](#)

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***Wrestling Jerusalem: Movie Screening  
and Compassionate Conversations Program Launch***



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## Wrestling Jerusalem: Movie Screening and Compassionate Conversations Progra...

by NYC Muslim-Jewish Solidarity  
Committee

\$0 – \$15

**Date:** Thursday, September 7, 2017

**Time:** 6:30 – 9:30 pm

**Location:** SAJ, [15 West 86th Street, New York, NY 10024](#)

Please join the NYC Muslim-Jewish Solidarity Committee for a screening of Wrestling Jerusalem, a one-man play turned into a movie that follows a man's journey to understand the Israeli-Palestinian conflict through 17 different characters. In addition to portraying the different narratives of the conflict, Wrestling Jerusalem grapples with the complexities of identity, history and social justice.

The screening will be followed by a discussion with the author and actor, Aaron Davidman. A light dinner will be served.

This event kicks off our new program, Compassionate Conversations. We have spent close to 3 years focused on building relationships and fighting hate by providing our community with many different platforms to connect, share, and learn about each other's culture and religion.

RSVP/Tickets at <https://compassionateconversations.eventbrite.com>

For more info, contact Michelle Koch [michelle@muslimjewishsolidarity.org](mailto:michelle@muslimjewishsolidarity.org) 646-898-6973

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### ***NYC Muslim-Jewish Solidarity Committee Volunteer Day with Food Bank for NYC***



NYC  
**Muslim-Jewish  
Solidarity  
Committee**

**Date:** Sunday, September 10, 2017

**Time:** 10 am

**Location:** Food Bank For NYC, [355 Food Center Dr, Bronx, NY 10474](#)

Join the NYC Muslim-Jewish Solidarity Committee for a volunteer day at the Food Bank for NYC's Bronx Food Distribution Warehouse. We will sort and repack bulk shipped food and goods for redistribution around the city.

RSVP at <https://910volunteerday.eventbrite.com>

For more info, contact Michelle Koch [michelle@muslimjewishsolidarity.org](mailto:michelle@muslimjewishsolidarity.org)  
646-898-6973

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### ***Orthodox Christian Contest Initiative for Building Interfaith Dialogue***



**Date:** Deadline for submissions is Thursday, September 21, 2017

The Department of Inter-Orthodox, Ecumenical & Interfaith Relations of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America announces a contest initiative to advance interfaith dialogue. Individuals from all faith traditions are invited to submit a video, photo or MA thesis that best articulates and captures the Orthodox Church's commitment to interfaith cooperation and dialogue. Three winners will be awarded \$500, one from each of the following categories:

- Original Video expressing the importance of Orthodoxy's dialogue with other faiths (60-90 seconds);
- Original Photography capturing the essence of interfaith dialogue from an Orthodox Christian perspective;
- M.A. thesis that focuses on the relationship between Orthodoxy and other religious traditions (submitted and defended from 2012-2017).

For details, please visit: <https://www.goarch.org/-/orthodox-christian-contest-initiative-for-building-interfaith-dialogue>

For more information, please call 212-570-3593.

The names of the three winners will be announced on October 20, 2017

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***March for Civility in Washington, D.C.***



**Date:** Saturday, September 23, 2017

**Time:** 10:00 am to 2:00 pm

**Location:** Footsteps of the [Lincoln Memorial, Washington DC](#)

On September 23, 2017, during World Peace Weekend, Ken Nwadike Jr., the Founder of the Free Hugs Project, alongside a team of business leaders, activists, and celebrities, will lead the March for Civility in Washington, D.C. The nonpartisan march and civility rally will take place at the footsteps of Lincoln Memorial, where Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. gave his "*I Have A Dream*" speech. The event aims to bring people of all backgrounds together in support of civility, free speech, unity, and equality.

**March Route:** (1.5 Miles) Lincoln Memorial to 23rd St NW, to Constitution Ave NW, to 17th St NW, to Independence Ave SW, to 23rd St SW.

For more info: [RestoreCivility.org](#)  
[RSVP here](#)

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## *Justice Film Festival*

**JUSTICE**  
FILM FESTIVAL NYC  
2017

The Sheen Center Presents:

**The Justice  
Film  
Festival**

October 6-8, 2017

The Justice Film Festival provides inspirational film and redemption that are diverse in both issues and feature films, documentaries, and shorts from both shine a light on justice in our changing world.

**Tickets for each day's screening: \$15**

**Weekend Festival Pass: \$40 [Purchase Here](#)**

[Schedule](#)

**Friday, October 6 @ 7PM**

*The Story of Us* (Short)

*Summer in the Forest* (Feature)

**Dates:** October 6-8, 2017

**Times:** various - [see schedule](#)

**Location:** The Sheen Center, [18 Bleeker Street, New York, NY 10012](#)

The Justice Film Festival presents inspirational films, featuring stories of unexpected courage and redemption that are diverse in both issues and geography.

This year's event will include feature films, documentaries, and shorts from both well-known and emerging filmmakers that shine a light on justice in our changing world. One highlight of the Festival is *Sacred*, a sneak peek of a major primetime PBS special directed by Academy Award-winner Thomas Lennon and shot by more than 40 filmmaking teams around the world. *Sacred* is the closing film of the Festival on Sunday, October 8 at 7:00 p.m.

<https://sheencenter.org/shows/justice/>

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***Stronger Together:  
Creating Christian-Muslim Alliances  
A one-day conference for religious leaders***



**Date:** Saturday, October 14, 2017

**Time:** 9:00 am – 5:00 pm

**Location:** Church of the Holy Trinity, [316 East 88th St., NYC](#)

Included in the \$120 registration fee is all conference materials, presentations and breakout group sessions, morning refreshments, lunch and an invitation to a hosted dinner. To register [please click here](#).

For more information, please visit [www.rootsandbranchesprograms.org](http://www.rootsandbranchesprograms.org)

The mission of Stronger Together is to take the next step beyond interfaith dialogue into interfaith cooperation and action. We are living in times that call for religious leaders to model more than tolerance and intellectual discussion of different faith traditions. Forming cooperative relationships between Christians and Muslims will change the prevailing narrative that we are enemies, to a vision of people of deep rooted faith joined together to offer solutions to conflict, mistrust and injustice in a deeply divided world. Presenters with more than 60 years of combined interfaith relationship building will offer fresh insights and inspiration to empower participants.

The Rev. Masud Ibn Syedullah TSSF, Director  
[director@rootsandbranchesprograms.org](mailto:director@rootsandbranchesprograms.org) 646-401-2790



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The complete ADL Calendar of Observances for 2017 is available [here](#).



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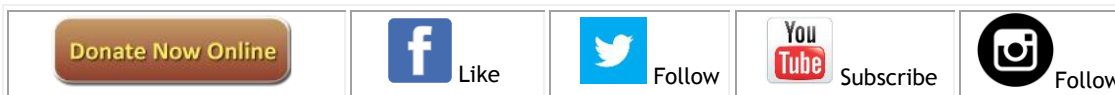
## SEPTEMBER 2017

September 2		<b>EID AL-ADHA • Islamic</b> The "Feast of Sacrifice" concludes the Hajj (pilgrimage to Mecca), and is a three-day festival recalling Ibrahim's willingness to sacrifice his son in obedience to God.
September 4		<b>LABOR DAY</b> Celebrated the first Monday in September in recognition of U.S. workers.
September 8		<b>INTERNATIONAL LITERACY DAY</b> Call to action for universal literacy.
September 15– October 15	Full Month	<b>NATIONAL HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH</b> Celebrates the contributions, heritage and culture of Hispanic and Latino Americans.
September 17		<b>GANESH CHATURTHI • Hindu</b> Celebrates the birthday of Ganesha, the elephant-deity.
September 17		<b>CONSTITUTION DAY AND CITIZENSHIP DAY</b> Commemorates the ratification of the United States Constitution in 1787. Also honors all who have become U.S. citizens.
September 21– 22		<b>ROSH HASHANAH • Jewish</b> Beginning of the Jewish New Year and first of the High Holy Days, which marks the beginning of a ten-day period of penitence and spiritual renewal.
September 21– 29		<b>NAVARATRI • Hindu</b> Nine-day festival celebrating the triumph of good over evil. It worships God in the form of the universal mother commonly referred to as Durga, Devi or Shakti, and marks the start of fall.
September 22		<b>AUTUMNAL EQUINOX</b> The date when night and day are nearly of the same length. It marks the first day of fall.
September 22		<b>MUHARRAM • Islamic</b> The month of Muharram marks the beginning of the Islamic liturgical year. The first day of the month, al-Hijra, remembers the migration of Muhammad and his followers from Mecca to Medina in 622 CE. It also marks the beginning of the ten-day Shi'ite Remembrance of Muharram, a period of intense grief and mourning of the martyrdom of Hussein, the son of Ali and grandson of Muhammad.
September 30		<b>YOM KIPPUR • Jewish</b> The "Day of Atonement" marks the end of the Ten Days of Penitence that begin with Rosh Hashanah.
September 30		<b>DASSERA • Hindu</b> Anniversary of the day when Rama killed the evil demon Ravana. Also known as <i>Durga Puja</i> , which celebrates the goddess Durga.

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### Ways to Support and Promote ICNY:



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