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Enjoying our monthly newsletter? Do you look to ICNY as a resource for ways to help protect religious diversity, and do you support our work to make NYC safe from prejudice and violence? Please consider a gift today.

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Greetings,

This has been a sad month. We have seen bloodshed at houses of worship around the world—the very type of violence ICNY works to prevent. One way we do this kind of prevention is through education. With support from the National Endowment for the Humanities, our “Religious Worlds of New York” summer institute has trained over 100 K-12 teachers from throughout the United States, with 25 more planning to work with us this coming summer. These remarkable educators have worked, in turn, with many thousands of young Americans, helping them thrive in our religiously diverse society. Read ICNY's statements about [Christchurch](#), [Sri Lanka](#) and [Poway](#).

Looking ahead, as we enter the month of Ramadan, you will see many iftar break fasts around New York—some of which are interfaith. Also, we are proud to co-sponsor with Circles of Support a conversation about [families behind bars](#) and celebrate with Trinity Wall Street, Central Synagogue and Congregation Simcha Elohim steps forward in [NY State Criminal Justice Reform](#).

Best Wishes,

Rev. Dr. Chloe Breyer



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LATEST NEWS

James Parks Morton Interfaith Awards June 24

Our Honorees



(From left: Dr. Ruth Westheimer & Presiding Bishop Michael Curry)

For 22 years, The Interfaith Center of New York (ICNY) has worked non-stop to protect all New Yorkers from instances of misunderstanding, prejudice, and hatred. And once a year we celebrate that work and those who help make it happen at the James Parks Morton Interfaith Awards gala. Help ICNY provide tools and assistance to grassroots religious leaders from disenfranchised communities. Make your plans for June 24th today!

[Buy a Table](#)

Social Work and Religious Diversity:
Faith-Based Perspectives on Trauma and Healing
May 15



There's still time to register for this year's Social Work and Religious Diversity conference! Please join us on May 15 to explore the spiritual dimensions of trauma, and learn about healing practices grounded in New York's diverse faith traditions. The program will include:

- spiritual reflection on trauma and healing from diverse religious leaders and faith-based service providers
- discussions of trauma care for survivors of hate crimes, disasters, domestic violence, ACEs, and others
- introduction to bodily healing through trauma-sensitive yoga

You don't need to be a social worker to attend, but the conference is tailored to meet the needs of New York LM/LCSWs, offering seven hours of continuing education credit approved to meet state licensing requirements.

[Register Here](#)



NYC Interfaith Iftar
May 13

Come join ICNY and our partners in breaking fast with our Muslim neighbors. Let's help to build a more resilient NYC through celebrating the social and religious networks that sustain a just society for all.

- Reflections
- Interfaith Prayers
- Iftar
- Table Conversations

[RSVP Here](#)



Interfaith Iftar
May 23

Come break fast with ICNY, the Peace Islands Institute, The Synagogue Coalition, and your Muslim Neighbors.

- Multifaith prayers
- Reflections
- Free Halal
- Kosher
- Vegetarian Dinner

[RSVP Here](#)

FEATURED EVENTS



#KnowJusticeHarlem

May 14

Circles of Support advisory board members invite you to meet Susan Burton, author of *Becoming Ms. Burton* (April 2017) and a panel discussion with mothers, who are the fastest growing prison population. Panelists: Hon. Rhonda Tomlinson, Lanetta Hill, Afrika Owes, Liz Swavola.

[Learn More](#)



On The Passage of Criminal Justice Reform in NYS

Letter to the Faith Community

"In April 2019, New York State passed sweeping criminal justice legislation limiting the use of money bail..."

[Learn More](#)



4th Annual Iftar In The City

May 16

The NYC Commission on Human Rights and their partners are organizing an annual celebration that brings together NYC's diverse communities during the Islamic month of Ramadan. Participants celebrate with Muslim New Yorkers as they break their daily fast.

[Learn More](#)



Interfaith Space Launch Party and Iftar

May 16

Join the Muslim-Jewish Solidarity Committee for the launch of Interfaith Space, New York City's first interfaith community center!

[Learn More](#)



Faith-Based Anti-Racism Coalition Gathering & Launch Meeting
May 16

The Fourth Universalist Church will hold a gathering for the official launch of a new Faith-Based coalition.

[Learn More](#)



Micah Faith Table Luncheon
May 16

Sunita Viswanath will speak on "Progressive Hinduism as a response to Hindu Nationalism (Hindutva)." Come and join the discussion.

[Learn More](#)

Additional Events



Three Acts of Goodness Festival
May 19

Celebrate with IBPS New York and BLIA New York at the Three Acts of Goodness Festival which includes: Buddha's Light Day Exhibition, Buddha's Birthday Offering Ceremony, Vegetarian Bazaar, Goods and Crafts Bazaar, Performances and a Raffle.

[Learn More](#)



Trauma Response & Treatment: What Faith Traditions Can Teach Us
May 1

The Psychotherapy and Spirituality Institute will explore what we can learn as clinicians. They will partner with NYC faith leaders to address how religious traditions influence communities of faith and individuals coping with trauma

[Learn More](#)



Interfaith Iftar with Mala in Support of UNICEF USA

May 31

100% of all proceeds raised at this event will benefit UNICEF USA's fund for humanitarian aid in Yemen.

[Learn More](#)

Interfaith Iftar: Muslim Jewish Solidarity Committee

May 22

Iftar doors will open at 6:15pm. Food will be at 8:13pm. The theme is "Elevating Our Voices."

[Learn More](#)

ADL CALENDAR OF OBSERVANCES



The complete ADL Calendar of Observances for 2019 is available [here](#).

Ways to Support and Promote ICNY



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