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Dear Friend,

Greetings. Thanks to extensive "know your rights" work by immigration groups, legal advocates, and diverse faith communities around New York City, the threatened ICE raids last month did not result in massive detentions or deportations in the New York area. However, like 19th century abolitionist [Wendell Phillips](#), we agree that "eternal vigilance is the price of liberty" and that as a consequence, there is more to do. If your congregation or house of worship has not yet explored how to provide [short-term sanctuary](#) or distributed the [NSC NYC's palm cards about what to do if you see someone getting picked up](#), it is not too late. Based on the bad news from the border about [continued family separation](#) and inhuman detention conditions, we can expect more attempts to terrorize our newest neighbors.

With some sadness, we said good-bye to our wonderful National Endowment for the Humanities Summer Scholars--this year comprising [25 public, private and parochial school teachers](#) from ten states who spent three weeks learning about the religious diversity of New York City. [The Interfaith Center of New York's "Lived Religions of New York"](#) NEH Summer Institute this past month enabled an outstanding group of K-12 educators to return home ready to teach new courses in English, Social Studies, World Religions, and Photography, with new ideas and curricula incorporating the religious diversity of their own communities. This way of fighting prejudice through education nationwide directly serves the mission of The Interfaith Center of New York.

Best Wishes,

Rev. Dr. Chloe Breyer



ICNY  
LATEST NEWS

## Religious Worlds of New York *July 2019*



Our 2019 *Religious Worlds of New York* summer scholars, along with Korean-American Buddhist monk Chungho Sunim, on a visit to the Chogyesa Zen Temple of New York. It was a pleasure to work with these amazing educators, and we wish them the best as they head back to classrooms throughout the United States. Click the button below to read more about each teacher and their important work building a more inclusive American society.

[Scholars and Staff](#)

### Cosponsored Events

26th Annual Interfaith Peace Ceremony to Commemorate the  
Hiroshima and Nagasaki Atomic Bombings  
*August 5*

**26th Annual Interfaith Peace Gathering in New York**  
**Commemoration of Hiroshima and Nagasaki**  
**Atomic Bombings**

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**Mon. August 5, 2019, 6:00pm - 8:00pm**  
**@ Japan Society: 333 E. 47<sup>th</sup> St. New York, NY**

Manhattan, New York – Please join us for the 26<sup>th</sup> Annual Interfaith Peace Ceremony to Commemorate the Hiroshima and Nagasaki atomic bombings. The event will be held at Japan Society @333 E. 47<sup>th</sup> Street, NYC on Monday, August 5, 6:00pm – 8:00pm.

Rev. Dr. T. Kenjiro Nakagaki, a Japanese Buddhist priest, Hiroshima Peace Ambassador, Peace Correspondent of Nagasaki, President/Founder of the Helwa Peace and Reconciliation Foundation of New York, Former President of the Buddhist Council of New York has organized this Annual Interfaith Peace Gathering since 1994. This commemorative ceremony will include religious leaders (Rev. Susana Bastarrica, Bidita Rahman Bhuiyan, Rev. Chloe Breyer, Guru Dileepji Maharaj, Rabbi Michael Feinberg, Pastor Frank, Rev. Jiro Mihama, Ven. Rifa Shi, and Dr. Kazuko Tatsumura), along with musicians and choirs from Japan and the United States.

Messages from the Mayors of Hiroshima and Nagasaki will be read by representatives from associations of local NYC Japanese residents who originally hail from Hiroshima and Nagasaki. Hiroshima survivor Tomiko Morimoto West will share her story. The keynote address will be presented by Jonathan Granoff, President of the Global Security Institute. He is a senior adviser of American Bar Association's Committee on Arms Control and National Security, and has served as Vice President of the NGO Committee on Disarmament at the United Nations.


The event will feature Japanese and American musicians and artists: (New York based musicians) Toshiko Akiyoshi, jazz pianist and Lew Tabackin, saxophonist; Brooklyn Interdenominational Choir; Tami Gogaku Music Society of New York; Circle Wind Boys & Girls Choir; (Japan based musicians and artists) Eta, calligrapher/poet and Dai, singer/guitarist; Fumiko Yamato, Yamatona Japanese dancer; Shizuno Nasu, Contemporary Dancer; Miho "ARIA" Kawachi, Crystal bowl player; and Yasunobu Matsuo, pianist.

At exactly 7:15 PM, the exact moment of the Hiroshima bombing (8:15 Aug. 6<sup>th</sup> Japan time) a bell for peace will be rung.


The Hiroshima and Nagasaki A-bomb Photo Exhibition will be on display in the Japan Society Foyer from 3:30 PM.

This event is sponsored by the Helwa Peace Reconciliation Foundation of New York, and supported by the Buddhist Council of New York, the Interfaith Center of New York, Interfaith Center of USA and the Organism Therapy Association in partnership with the City of Hiroshima and Nagasaki Prefectural Government. We appreciate the Japan Society for providing us the wonderful space for this year's ceremony.


**IMPORTANT! RSVP is required for this year, because of limited seats available.**  
 If you are interested in joining us, please e-mail with a note "Yes for Peace" to: [HEIWAfoundationNY@gmail.com](mailto:HEIWAfoundationNY@gmail.com) or call /text to: 646-797-7982.  
 Then we will provide with instructions. The first deadline (reception deadline) will be July 30.



Tomiko Morimoto West  
Hiroshima Survivor



Jonathan Granoff  
Global Security Institute



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### Additional Events

*Listings do not imply endorsement*

## Mental Health First Aid and Opioid Overdose Training for Faith Community Leaders August 7

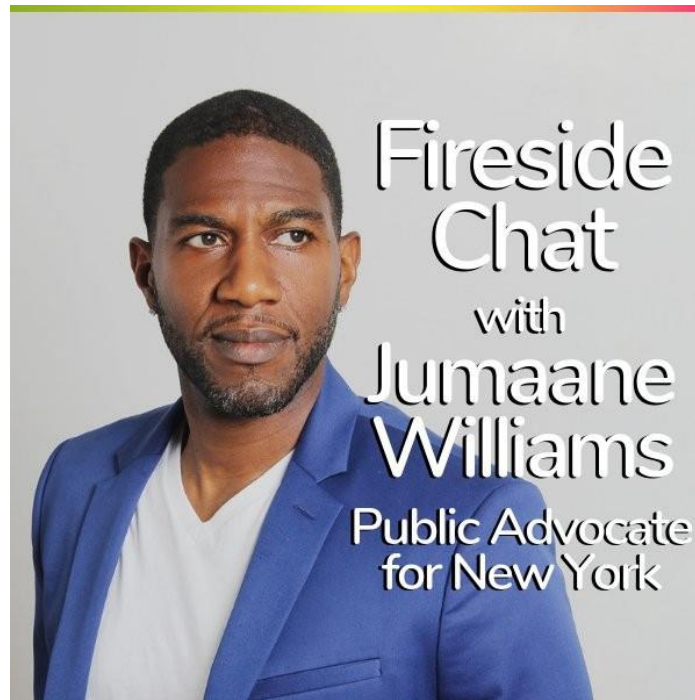


New York Disaster Interfaith Services (NYDIS) and The Salvation Army Greater New York Division are offering a free one-day Mental Health First Aid (MHFA) training certification for clergy, staff and volunteers from congregations and faith-based organizations - all training materials and breakfast are included.

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Fireside Chat with Jumaane Williams -  
Public Advocate for New York  
*August 8*



Join us to hear from Jumaane Williams about his work as the Public Advocate for New York City and how you too can leverage this unique public office to have your voice heard.

[Learn More](#)

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Muslim Youth NYC Mentorship Program  
Social and Recruitment Drive  
*August 8*



The MCN Bridge Mentorship Program matches the Muslim leaders of tomorrow with the Muslim professionals of today. Every month we feature an inspiring speaker, a focused workshop, and offer interested young Muslims the possibility of pairing with a professional

mentor for one-on-one support on life, career, and personal development.

[Learn More](#)

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## Crisis and Emergency Risk Communications (CERC) Training

*August 13*



NYDIS is providing a free 4-hour Crisis and Emergency Risk Communications (CERC) training for clergy, staff and volunteers from congregations & faith-based organizations - all training materials and breakfast are included.

[Learn More](#)

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## Screening & Talkback

### "Watched: Coming of Age Under Surveillance"

*August 15*



In 2017, documentarian Katie Mitchell examined the impact of surveillance on a group of young women at Brooklyn College who discovered they were the target of an NYPD undercover officer. Join us for a screening, and conversation with former Brooklyn College student Rabia Ahsin, Distinguished Professor of Political Science at Brooklyn College Jeanne Theoharis, journalist Aviva Stahl, and Brooklyn Historical Society Oral Historian and Muslims in Brooklyn Project Director Zaheer Ali.

[Learn More](#)

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## 8th Annual ARISE NY!





This Summit is dedicated to youth (ages 13-20) to help stomp out bullying and hate crimes. Our goal is to heighten awareness about bullying, stereotyping, and hate crimes targeting teenagers and to equip them with the tools they need to prevent bullying and promote peaceful coexistence between all.

[Register Here](#)

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Now Hiring:  
Borough Community Coordinators



The Center for Faith and Community Partnerships is seeking dynamic and energetic Community Coordinators, who have a strong relationship with, understanding of, and appreciation for New York's diverse landscape. The Community Coordinators will be charged with establishing and maintaining partnerships with mission-based organizations.

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ADL  
CALENDAR OF OBSERVANCES



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

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