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
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*
This commemorative ceremony will take place on Monday, August 5 from 6:00 pm-8:00 pm at the Japan Society (333 E. 47th Street, NYC). It will include the following speakers: Rev. Susana Bastarrica, Bidita Rahman Bhuiyan, Rev. Dr. Chloe Breyer, Guru Dileepji Maharaj, Rabbi Michael Feinberg, Pastor Frank Haye, Rev. Jiro Mihama, Ven. Rifa Shi, and Dr. Kazuko Tatsumura, along with musicians and choirs from Japan and the United States.

Learn More

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.
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

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.

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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!**
Anti-Bullying Interfaith Youth Summit

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

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

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The Interfaith Center of New York (ICNY) works to overcome prejudice, violence, and misunderstanding by activating the power of the city's grassroots religious and civic leaders and their communities.

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