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December 2019

Dear Subscriber,

ICNY is thrilled to announce that thanks to the generous support of the Robert Sterling Clark Foundation, we will be accepting applications for the second round of the [Interfaith Civic Leadership Academy \(ICLA\)](#). Beginning in the winter/spring of 2020, ICNY is looking forward to working with a new cohort of emerging religious leaders from the city's diverse faith communities, offering them the tools they need to make a difference. To receive the application for this program, [please sign up here](#).

This month you will also see an announcement for the next Rabbi Marshall Meyer Retreat "Faithful Responses to the Overdose Crises: Building Congregations and Communities of Care" to be held on February 24, 2020. This retreat will explore concrete steps faith leaders can take to serve New Yorkers struggling with opioid use disorder. Contact hanadi@interfaithcenter.org for more information.

Other important dates include today, December 2nd, when the Mayor's office of Immigration Affairs has asked all New Yorkers who hold them to renew their NYC-ID. Also on December 12th, The Micah Awards will be given to **Divinah "Dee" Bailey**, Chief of Operations African American Clergy and Elected Officials; **Rabbi Bob Kaplan**, Director of the Center for Community Leadership of the Jewish Community Relations Council; **Pastor Gilford T. Monroe**, Mt. Zion Church of God 7th Day; **Media Sadiq, JD** - Executive Director at Bedford Stuyvesant Gateway Business Improvement District; **Rev. Dr. Robert M. Waterman**, Senior Pastor, Antioch Baptist Church in Brooklyn and **Brooklyn Borough President Eric Adams**.

Mark January 30th on your calendar for a [Manhattan Counts 2020 Interfaith Census](#) event at the [Schomburg Center for Black Culture](#).

Finally, the giving season has arrived, and with it some exciting news for ICNY.

A generous donor has offered to **match all gifts up to \$50,000 dollar for dollar between now and December 31st**. That means that, starting today, your donation will go twice as far towards our efforts to end violence and prejudice in the city that never sleeps.

Join us in the fight to make NYC safe for all. [Make your year end gift today](#).

Best Wishes,

Rev. Dr. Chloe Breyer



ICNY Latest News

Faithful Responses to the Overdose Crisis: Building Congregations and Communities of Care

February 24



Planning is underway for the next Rabbi Marshall T. Meyer Retreat for Social Justice. Early in the new year, ICNY will work with the Harm Reduction Coalition (HRC) and other partners, to host a conference exploring faith-based perspectives on the opioid crisis, as well as concrete steps faith leaders can take to serve New Yorkers struggling with opioid addiction.

The program is still in formation, but we hope you can join us early in 2020. For more information, or to join the email list for the Marshall Meyer Retreat series, contact ICNY's Program Associate for Community Partnerships Hanadi Doleh, at hanadi@interfaithcenter.org.

Interfaith Civic Leadership Academy



ICNY is thrilled to announce the second meeting of the **Interfaith Civic Leadership Academy**. Beginning in the winter/spring of 2020, we are looking forward to working with a new cohort of religious leaders from the city's diverse faith communities, offering them the tools they need to make a difference.

ICLA workshops will include civic engagement, advocacy, and community organizing training, as well as interfaith dialogue, and guided reflection on each fellows' unique leadership skills. ICLA fellows will receive personal stipends to cover expenses, as well as grant funding to develop their own community-based projects. Working together, we will build a more just and inclusive city for all New Yorkers.

Applications will be available in January 2020. The program will run for five months, starting in March 2020. Please click the button below if you would like to receive an application.

Application

Cosponsored Events

#RenewYourIDNYC
Social Media Day of Action

December 2



Please join us for an IDNYC renewal social media day of action by sharing a tweet, Instagram, or Facebook post on Monday, December 2nd at 12:00pm EST. Help spread the word to your fellow New Yorkers about IDNYC renewals by using the hashtag #RenewYourIDNYC!

[Learn More](#)

Spaces of Dignity - Spaces of Plurality: Cultural and Religious Dynamics in Contemporary Societies

December 10



This panel discussion will be hosted by The Consulate General of the Federal Republic of Germany, The University Alliance Ruhr, and Columbia University.

ICNY's Director of Programs, Henry Goldschmidt, will be speaking on the panel.

[Learn More](#)

Annual Micah Institute Faith & Justice Awards Reception

December 12



The Micah Institute invites you to our 9th Annual Micah Awards Dinner. We're excited to celebrate what God has done in and through us as we enter our 9th year. Micah convenes, educates and organizes New York City multi-faith leaders to create and use a coordinated, cohesive and collective prophetic voice to build a movement to fight poverty and injustice.

[Learn More](#)

Micah Institute
End of the Year Celebration Luncheon
December 19



The Micah Institute invites you to join in its End of the Year Celebration Luncheon on December 19th at Riverside Church at 12:00 pm in room 10T. It will be a chance to review the work and successes of the year, network with other members of the movement and give thanks for the power of the Spirit of Faith and Justice.

To confirm your attendance, please email Rev. Joel Gibson: joelagibson@gmail.com.

[Learn More](#)

Interfaith Forum on White Supremacy
February 20



The Interfaith Forum on White Supremacy will feature a panel discussion of prominent faith leaders in New York City to address this crisis and to seek avenues to pursue an effective response. There will also be an opportunity for dialogue with members of the community.

ICNY's Executive Director, Rev. Dr. Chloe Breyer, will be speaking on the panel.

[Learn More](#)

Other Events

Listings Do Not Imply Endorsement

Maktuv: An Afternoon of Islamic and Jewish Calligraphy *December 5*



Join the Muslim-Jewish Solidarity Committee for an interactive workshop led by Ruben Shimonov, an experiential educator and artist. We will explore the significance of Arabic in Islam and Hebrew in Judaism, as well as the close relationship between both Semitic languages.

Interfaith Film & Music Festival 2019

December 8



Opening Movie Night Brunch & Kickoff Party. An evening of curated films, music, videos, inspiring discussions and connection at MIST Harlem.

[Learn More](#)

Human Rights Day Interfaith Luncheon

December 10

TUESDAY, DEC 10TH
12PM-3PM

Our Lady of the Miraculous
Medal RC Church
1434 Straight Path, Wyandanch

Tickets: \$30 (includes meal)

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Lisa Votino
Community Organizer

Michele Caldera-Kopf
Managing Attorney
Safe Passage Long Island



Each year in December, Long Island Jobs with Justice commemorates the anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights by honoring a champion of human rights on Long Island.

[Learn More](#)

**Training for Faith Leaders:
Responding to Domestic Violence in Communities of Faith**
December 12



The CONNECT Training Institute offers a series of intensive, specialized courses that give social service professionals, teachers, community members, advocates and activists a greater understanding of the dynamics of intimate violence.

[Learn More](#)

Women in Faith Fellowship
December 13



The Women in Faith fellowship brings together women of different faiths and spiritual practices to discover commonalities and honor differences, building deep and sustained connections across cultures, ages, professions and social strata.

Join Our Mission!

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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