



**INTERFAITH**  
CENTER OF NEW YORK

## March 2020

Dear Subscriber,

The US Census occurs once every 10 years across all 50 states, as well as in the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, and the U.S. Territories.

As a New York-serving organization, why is this relevant?

It's simple. New York's turnout in the Census – meaning the number of people who participate – directly correlates with two things necessary for our civic safety, how much federal funding we receive (with \$800 billion at stake), and how many congressional seats we hold.

In 2010, New York had one of the lowest response rates **in the country**. The direct result of that low response rate? We lost two Congressional seats (whereas Texas picked up two more), and we left federal funding on the table, money that could have been used towards our schools, hospitals, and housing.

By undercounting ourselves, we shortchange our city of the resources we deserve.

Now, in 2020, the stakes could not be higher. That is why The Interfaith Center of New York is working to ensure that all New Yorkers, regardless of their faith or legal status, or immigration status, are counted.

We are excited to share the below video with you, filmed at an event led by the Interfaith Center in partnership with the Manhattan Borough President's office. The event took place at the Schomburg Center for Research in Black Culture and was shown at the National Cathedral in Washington, D.C. to encourage diverse faith leaders nationwide to get involved in this civic effort.

**The census is meant to be a count of every person – citizens, non-citizens, adults, and infants alike. Will you help us get all New Yorkers counted?**

Every faith leader in this city can make sure their congregations and neighborhoods are counted. To support our efforts, please [make a gift today](#). If you are a faith leader, please join the [Interfaith 2020 Census Coalition](#) to take the Census Pledge and download our toolkit. I also encourage you to contact Eric Williams at [ewilliams@fpwa.org](mailto:ewilliams@fpwa.org) or 347-620-7190 to ask about getting census takers to come to your house of worship so that people can fill out the census itself on-site.

Sincerely,

\* To find FAQs on the US Census, please visit: <https://www.census.gov/topics/public-sector/congressional-apportionment/about/faqs.html>

## 2020 Census: Faith Leaders Spread the Word

Credit: U.S. Census Bureau



### ICNY Latest News

Interfaith Civic Leadership Academy

***Application Deadline extended  
until midnight!***



Throughout New York, religious leaders from every faith tradition are working to create positive change for their own communities and the city as a whole. All too often, however, they are working alone – without a network of interfaith ties, or knowledge of the city’s civic institutions. With support from the Robert Sterling Clark Foundation, the Interfaith Civic Leadership Academy is giving diverse religious leaders the tools they need to make a difference.

Working with expert trainers from city government and leading nonprofits, we have created an intensive leadership development program for a group of fifteen clergy members, lay leaders, and faith-based activists. ICLA fellows will participate in a series of evening workshops, mini-retreats, and visits to each other’s congregations. They will then apply what they’ve learned by developing community projects or advocacy campaigns. Each fellow will receive \$750 in grant funding to support their project, as well as a \$250 personal stipend to cover their expenses.

**Applications due by 12:00 am tonight - Workshops begin March 15.**

Visit [interfaithcenter.org/icla](http://interfaithcenter.org/icla) for full schedule and more details.

Apply Here

## Lawyering and Religious Diversity CLE Symposium

*March 19*



The symposium will help attorneys work effectively with clients from diverse faith communities – an essential skill for legal practice in our pluralistic society.

Speakers will include attorneys, faith leaders, and other experts on religious diversity, social justice, human rights, and the law.

Breakout sessions will explore legal issues facing religiously diverse New Yorkers, including family law, employment discrimination, and alternative dispute resolution.

The day will also include lunch and reflections from Chief Judge Robert A. Katzmann of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit.

RSVP Here

## Domestic Violence and the Law – Essential Information for Religious Leaders

*April 1*



This workshop will introduce religious leaders to the legal options and resources available for victims of domestic violence, in order to help clergy and lay leaders make appropriate referrals for members of their communities.

Topics will include:

- what constitutes domestic violence
- orders of protection, and how to obtain them
- legal proceedings in Family Court
- custody proceedings
- safety planning, and where to go for help

Please join us on **Wednesday, April 1st from 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm** and learn how to promote safety for all New Yorkers. The workshop is free, but registration is required. Cosponsored by ICNY, the New York Law School Domestic Violence Project, New York Legal Assistance Group, CONNECT, and Turning Point for Women and Families.

RSVP by emailing [henry@interfaithcenter.org](mailto:henry@interfaithcenter.org).

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## Cosponsored Events

### The Bronx Interfaith Census Workshop

March 5



Bronx Borough President Ruben Diaz, Jr., The Bronx Clergy Task Force, and Catholic Charities are calling on all Bronxites to complete their census and make their voices heard. Please attend our workshop to learn all about the census and all the ways that you can get involved with the Bronx Complete Count Committee: 2020 Campaign.

To RSVP, call: 718-590-7093.

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### UN CSW Event: NYC Faith Response to Domestic Violence & Human Trafficking

March 17



This panel will look at the importance of a NYC faith sector response to domestic violence and human trafficking. Our hope is that this panel will raise awareness and make resources available for houses of worship to assist potential victims.

- The Rev. Adrian Dannhauser, The Episcopal Diocese of NY Human Trafficking Task Force
- Sally MacNichol, CONNECT Faith
- Rabbi Diana Gerson, The New York Board of Rabbis
- Ayse Keskin Saglam, Journalists and Writers Foundation
- Sunita Viswanath, Sadhana: Coalition of Progressive Hindus

[RSVP Here](#)

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## **Exploring the Inner Addict: Addiction, Spirituality and Internal Family Systems**

*April 24*



*Tickets Available Now for our April 24 Conference:*

**Exploring the Inner Addict:  
Addiction, Spirituality,  
and Internal Family Systems (IFS)**

*with Keynote Speaker  
Richard Schwartz, PhD*

Psychotherapy conference exploring the intersection between addiction, spirituality, recovery, and Internal Family Systems.

Richard Schwartz is the founder of Internal Family Systems (IFS), a therapeutic school that combines systems thinking with the view that the mind is composed of discrete yet intertwined sub-personalities or “parts” with their own viewpoint and purpose. Schwartz will present in the morning, followed by PSI staff-led experiential exercises and discussion in the afternoon.

5.5 Hours of Continuing Education for LMFTs, LMHCs, LCSWs, LMSWs, and LCATs.

[Get Tickets](#)

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**Mass Poor People's Assembly & Moral March  
on Washington Faith Community Mobilization Meeting**

*March 3*



This June 20th, the Poor People's Campaign: A National Call for Moral Revival will mobilize tens of thousands of people to the U.S. Capitol in Washington, D.C. for a Mass Poor People's Assembly and Moral March on Washington.

We will demonstrate the collective power of poor and low-income people and demand that both major political parties address the interlocking injustices of systemic racism, poverty, ecological devastation, militarism and the distorted moral narrative of religious nationalism by implementing our moral agenda.

[Learn More](#)

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**Haudenosaunee Women's Influence  
on the Women's Rights Movement**

*March 9*



This event, featuring Indigenous women leaders and non-Native feminist activists highlighting the story of how the Haudenosaunee Confederacy served as an inspiration for early feminists. Speakers include the influential feminist author and activist Gloria Steinem. A fundraiser for the American Indian Law Alliance and the Matilda Joslyn Gage Foundation, the event launches the Gage Foundation’s “Matilda Effect Project,” writing women who have worked for peace and social justice back into history.

[Learn More](#)

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## **CONNECT Peace & Justice Awards Dinner**

***March 18***



Join CONNECT, dedicated to safe families and peaceful communities, for a festive night honoring changemakers committed to peace and justice. It will be an evening



honors the spirit of community and CONNECT. All are welcome!

Learn More

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## Contemporary Muslim Fashions

*Until August 23*



Contemporary Muslim Fashions examines how Muslim women – those who cover their heads and those who do not – have become arbiters of style within and beyond their communities. Featuring approximately 80 ensembles drawn from established and emerging designers, the exhibition explores a range of self-expression achieved through fashion achieved by Muslim men and women.

Use coupon code CMF2020 on [cooperhewitt.org](https://cooperhewitt.org) for \$5 off admission through August 23.

Learn More

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## Raising My Voice: Leadership through Storytelling Training

*Multiple Dates*



Raising My Voice is a leadership through storytelling initiative designed for men and women who have experienced firsthand the impacts of incarceration and reentry and who would like to share their story.

If you are interested, contact Linda at 347-424-2395 or [linda@circlesofsupport.org](mailto:linda@circlesofsupport.org).

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**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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