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Dear Friend,

Diverse faith leaders around the world are overcoming divisions to make a difference in the COVID-19 crisis.

Recently, high level Jewish, Muslim, Christian, and Sikh leaders from the New Alliance of Virtue signed [this statement](#) of solidarity in the face of this Pandemic, while Secretary-General of Religions for Peace Dr. Azza Karam created a [new fund](#) to support multi-religious humanitarian efforts responding to the coronavirus pandemic across the world, having recognized that religious actors are first responders in humanitarian crises.

And it isn't just faith leaders who are stepping up to the plate. For example, Hip Hop artists worked with healthcare workers and the NYPD to create [this video to empower youth and families](#) with the right information, tools, and resources to help mitigate the spread of coronavirus. Artists include Doug E. Fresh, Artie Green & Gerry Gunn.

In an unprecedented global pandemic, the Interfaith Center of New York is proud to help bring faith leaders together and to help them make a difference in the lives of their communities. We have been amazed at the prowess and leadership of the faith leaders we work with, and hope that our political leaders will follow in their footsteps in overcoming divisions to serve the common good.

Sincerely,

Rev. Dr. Chloe Breyer
Executive Director

WHAT YOU SHOULD KNOW:

[Latest Guidance from the NYC Health Department.](#) What you need to know about COVID-19. [Click here](#) for a factsheet and [here for a Q&A about recommended face coverings.](#)

[Resources for Immigrant Communities During COVID-19 Pandemic](#). Many city services are available to all New Yorkers regardless of immigration status or ability to pay.

[Put an End to Bias Incidents and Hate stemming from #COVID19 Stigma](#). Call 311 to report any COVID-19 related discrimination to the New York City Commission on Human Rights. In addition, Attorney General James's office has launched a [hotline to combat coronavirus hate crimes and xenophobic rhetoric](#) (1-800-771-7755) for individuals who have experienced hate crimes and bias-based incidents. You can also email civil.rights@ag.ny.gov.

WHERE YOU CAN GIVE (AND RECEIVE):

[Trinity Church Wall Street: COVID-19 Emergency Response Grants](#). Trinity is providing one-time grants of up to \$25,000 for grantees who are working with communities that are disproportionately impacted by this pandemic.

[COVID-19 Pro Bono Network](#). New York State needs the help of attorneys to handle a surge in legal matters resulting from the coronavirus pandemic and ensuing economic fallout.

[The NYC Mask Mission: 100,000 Masks for NYC](#). Donate to help the Yemeni American Merchants Association acquire, distribute, and deliver 100,000 masks to all essential workers in NYC.

[UWNYC COVID-19 Community Fund](#). Donate to the COVID-19 Community Fund to assist families and individuals facing loss of income due to business and school closures.

Due to Coronavirus, there is a shortage of blood and blood donations are desperately needed. Learn how and where you can safely donate at ny.gov/donateblood.

WHERE YOU CAN (VIRTUALLY) PRAY AND REFLECT:

[Wellness Check-In with Imam Shamsi Ali and Rabbi Andrué Kahn](#). Join a Zoom gathering on Sunday, April 19 from 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm.

[Virtual Interfeast Host Application](#). Muslim-Jewish Solidarity Committee is coordinating virtual interfeasts by community members in private homes.

[St. Patrick's Cathedral Mass Live Stream](#). Watch the St. Patrick's Cathedral's daily mass.

[Welcome to My Table](#). Sign up your household to share an Iftar meal online with another household.

HOW YOU CAN BE COUNTED:

[2020 Census Operational and Schedule Adjustments Due to COVID-19](#). Review the adjusted 2020 Census operational plan, including a revised self-response schedule.

[Supreme Court Justice Stephen Breyer Reminds New Yorkers to Complete the 2020 Census](#). U.S. Supreme Court Justice Stephen Breyer appeals directly to the city hardest hit by the COVID-19 pandemic. [Watch his PSA here](#).

[Census 2020 - Fill it out online, with the code you received in the mail](#). Help ensure that New York receives adequate funding for our public health infrastructure and go to this [language assistance page](#) for assistance in over 50 languages.

[#HIndusCountNYC](#). Sadhana: Coalition of Progressive Hindus is providing Hindu-specific resources for responding to the 2020 Census.

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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