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INTERFAITH CENTER OF NEW YORK

Dear Friend,

According to New York City's [COVID-19 data page](#), the numbers of COVID-19 cases, hospitalizations, and deaths are all finally declining in New York City. We give thanks for this development while recognizing the long journey ahead that we have as individuals, communities, and as a society.

Today is the 50th Anniversary of Earth Day, and there are many ways for [communities of faith to honor this day](#) and [advocate for the future](#) of our planet. Register for the [EarthxWomen: Women in the Environment Summit](#), listen to Seneca Johnson, Catherine Coleman Johnson, and Karennia Gore on "[Understanding Environmental Justice and Community Health in light of COVID and Climate](#)", or take a visual tour of the earth with the [American Museum of Natural History's EarthFest 2020](#).

While the COVID-19-related fall in emissions have given us less smog and cleaner air, this will not by itself reduce climate change [according to a report today from the UN](#). Faiths coming together to work, pray, and advocate for a sustainable future has never been more important.

In addition to the many opportunities to come together virtually for Earth Day, this round-up contains important information about Ramadan, which is beginning this week in a time of social distancing.

Sincerely,

Rev. Dr. Chloe Breyer
Executive Director

WHAT YOU SHOULD KNOW:

[What Faith Leaders can do to save lives in the COVID-19 Domestic Violence Crisis](#). Activists and faith-based service providers on the rise of domestic violence during the pandemic. [Watch the full video podcast here](#).

[House of Worship Tips](#). NYPD's guide to safeguarding your house of worship from theft and vandalism while the congregation is worshipping remotely.

[Confronting the rise in COVID-19 Asian-bias hate-crimes: a message from the NYPD](#). If you have been a victim of a hate crime, call 911 or Crime Stoppers at 1-800-577-TIPS.

[You Clap for Me Now: the coronavirus poem on racism and immigration in Britain](#). A video poem highlighting the crucial role immigrant workers are playing in the COVID-19 outbreak.

[A Rabbi's Cure for Coronavirus Anxiety](#). Seven easy steps you can take to remain calm in the face of a pandemic.

WHERE YOU CAN GIVE (AND RECEIVE):

[COVID-19: Emergency Relief Fund](#). Donate to the Mayor's Fund to support essential workers, small businesses, and vulnerable New Yorkers.

[Islamic Relief USA](#). Give the gift of healthy food to a family in need this Ramadan.

[Flatten the Curve with TZU CHI USA](#). Help provide 3.1 million surgical masks to the hardest-hit areas, including NY and NJ.

[Earn Your Crisis, Trauma, and First Response Certificate for Chaplains](#). Gain fundamental skills and knowledge to provide chaplaincy spiritual care to those who have been impacted by an emergency, crisis, trauma, or disaster.

WHERE YOU CAN (VIRTUALLY) PRAY, REFLECT, AND CELEBRATE RAMADAN:

[Shoulder to Shoulder's "Welcome to My Table."](#) Sign up to connect with another household virtually and share in an interfaith Ramadan Iftar meal. [Read their Ramadan 2020 Guidebook here](#).

[Islamic Relief USA's Nationwide Virtual Grand Iftar](#). A night of celebration with Islamic Relief USA's first annual virtual Grand Iftar.

[Pledge to take the MCN Ramadan Challenge 2020](#). Complement your fasting with Muslim Community Network (MCN)'s 30-day calendar of civic activities.

[Shambhala New York City](#). Join dharma gatherings, classes, and meditation practice via Zoom.

HOW YOU CAN BE COUNTED:

You can encourage your fellow New Yorkers to fill out the census by [joining our next citywide "Text Out the Count" campaign](#) on Thursday, April 23. [Sign up here](#) and we will get you all set up to "Text Out The Count!"

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

[#HindusCountNYC Census Coloring Contest](#). Enter a 2020 Census coloring contest for a chance to win \$50.

[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.

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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