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Dear Friend,

The Interfaith Center of New York is excited to announce that the National Endowment for the Humanities has awarded us a 2021 grant for our summer institute for teachers, "[Religious Worlds of New York: Teaching the Everyday Life of American Religious Diversity](#)." See this [New York Times article](#) about the NEH awards that features ICNY.

Thank you to the many participants who joined our all-virtual conference for Mental Health, Social Service, and Spiritual Care Professionals. The title was "[Being Together While Apart: Building Community and Providing Care, in the Pandemic and Beyond](#)" and over fifty social workers and mental health providers joined us. We heard from faith leaders like [Imam Khalid Latif](#), [Rabbi Sharon Kleinbaum](#), [Rev. Kyndra Frazier](#), and [Dr. Simran Jeet Singh](#) and others. To see the program and watch parts of it online, [click here](#).

This coming month on August 6th, we join the Heiwa Foundation in remembering the 75th anniversary of the bombing of Hiroshima and Nagasaki. In past years, ICNY has co-sponsored this annual remembrance. This year, however, the live online event will be shown in both Japan and the United States. To register,

email HeiwaFoundationNY@gmail.com.

Also, today is the deadline for applying for rental assistance in New York City. For more information read the New York City Mayor's Office to Protect Tenants explainer [here](#), call the NYC 311 Tenant Helpline to understand eligibility rules, and apply through New York State Homes & Community Renewal [here](#). You can also make a difference to a community in need by donating to the Creston Avenue Baptist Church in the Bronx. The church was vandalized and robbed on July 21, 2020 resulting in over \$20,000 in stolen items and property damage. The Church offered food assistance and met other basic needs not only for its parishioners but the community as a whole. Please donate to their [GoFundMe Campaign](#), if you are able.

Finally, if you missed Congressman John Lewis' funeral at the Ebenezer Baptist Church on July 30th, you can hear three former presidents including George Bush, Bill Clinton, and Barack Obama eulogize him [here](#).

Sincerely,



Rev. Dr. Chloe Breyer
Executive Director



Featured News

Stop the Violence Anti-Gun Violence Town Hall Meeting

July 30



Join NYPD Community Affairs for the next stop of [#NYPDTownHall](#) in Harlem. We will be discussing the gun violence epidemic that is plaguing New York City. Join at 2:00 pm for kid-friendly activities and a game truck. The Town Hall will begin at 6:00 pm. [#StopTheViolence](#). This event will be streamed on the Facebook page [here](#).

[Learn More](#)

Interfaith Prayer and Peace Concert
"Global Harmony"
Connecting Hiroshima, Nagasaki, New York
and the World



Interfaith Prayer and Peace Concert series to commemorate the 75th anniversary of the Hiroshima and Nagasaki atomic bombings.

This event is organized by The Heiwa Peace and Reconciliation Foundation of New York, co-sponsored by NPO Gentle Earth, and in partnership with Interfaith Center of New York, Buddhist Council of New York, World Yoga Community, and Interfaith Center of the USA, EngageAsia.

To register, please email HeiwaFoundationNY@gmail.com.

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Faith Communities for Just Reentry is a coalition of more than 20 faith leaders convened by Trinity Church Wall Street and including The National Action Network, Central Synagogue, and Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of New York.

We believe it is a moral imperative that our reentry system does not fail our fellow New Yorkers during the COVID-19 crisis, or the everyday crises that families in our communities endure.

We ask that people of faith join us in engaging our networks to demand change! Twitter, Facebook, Instagram: use them all to advocate for the just treatment of people released from Rikers.

[Learn More](#)

Creston Avenue Baptist Church Community Fund



Creston Avenue Baptist Church was vandalized on July 21, 2020. The vandals stole audio equipment, computers, and destroyed some of the property, resulting in over \$20,000 in stolen items and property damage.

We are hoping that we can come together as a community and help replace the items that were stolen and help fix the property that was damaged.

[Donate Here](#)

Parent-Dharma Class

Starts August 8



The Buddhist Centre is offering monthly classes for parents online, every second Sunday after August 8th. The class includes meditation, an introduction to an aspect of the Dharma or practice within family life, connecting with other parents, and a brief ritual.

[Learn More](#)

The Psychotherapy & Spirituality Institute 2020 Conference

September 25



Exploring the Inner Addict in the Time of COVID

Addiction, Spirituality and Internal Family Systems

With keynote speaker
Richard Schwartz, PhD

Addiction has classically been defined as a disease and compulsive behavior that interferes with daily living. Thus, “addicts” must remain hyper-vigilant against the ever-present enemy of addiction. And how does COVID impact these

challenges considering isolation and chronic anxiety? What if there was a different lens to look through? What if we reframed addiction as sacred protection from deeper pain that could be healed and transformed with curiosity and compassion? What if loving our inner addicted parts was the key to liberating them?

Dr. Richard Schwartz is the founder of Internal Family Systems (IFS), a therapeutic model 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.

Early bird pricing available for a limited number of tickets - 5.5 CEUs/CECs are available for LCSWs, LMHCs, LMFTs, & LCATs.

PSI is proud to partner with Hazelden Betty Ford Foundation, The Interfaith Center of New York, Internal Family Systems Institute, and Trinity Church Wall Street.

[Get Tickets](#)

Streaming Shabbat Service



Join Rabbi Barr, Beth Adam, and people around the world for Streaming Shabbat Services on Friday evenings at 6:00 pm EST. If you can't join, you can watch the recorded service any time.

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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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