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[Watch this week's musical tribute with the names of New Yorkers and others who have died of COVID-19 here \(or click the image above\).](#)

"Renowned artist Vanessa Williams will lead *Memorial For Us All* broadcast on Sunday at 6:00 pm ET [July 5, 2020]."

[Read the Press Release.](#)

Tune in [here](#) this Sunday at 6 pm ET to see the upcoming #MemorialForUsAll tribute and submit names [here](#) to be honored.

July 2020

Dear Friend,

For decades, immigrants and asylum seekers have been at the heart of many of the faith communities the Interfaith Center of New York serves. Therefore, we are concerned that, under the cover of the COVID-19 pandemic, an assault on asylum is underway. "The Trump administration has released [a draft of new regulations](#) that would sharply restrict how asylum is granted to immigrants who come to the U.S. seeking protection. Critics say the proposed changes are so severe that they would effectively shut down the asylum system in this country" ([June 11, 2020 NPR article](#)). You can read more about these proposed rules [here](#) and [here](#).

Please join ICNY's partner, [New Sanctuary Coalition](#), and other steadfast supporters of the rights of refugees and immigrants in this country by adding your voice to the record BEFORE THE JULY 15 PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD ENDS. You can see the [proposed regulations for yourself here](#) and [add your views and personal experience to the public record here](#).

We have until July 15 to submit comments detailing our concerns about this law. The Trump Administration is legally obligated to respond to each issue raised in these comments. For more information, [go here](#).

Please take advantage of our COVID-19 related discounts for students, retirees, and other social services, spiritual care, and mental health professionals who will join us for our July 22 all-day 5th Annual Social Work and Religious Diversity Conference, [Being Together While We're Apart: Building Community and Providing Care, in the Pandemic and Beyond](#) to reflect on the lessons of the COVID-19 pandemic. In response to the economic hardships faced by so many New Yorkers, we are pleased to offer up to a 50% discount on conference registration for participants furloughed or unemployed due to the pandemic, and for full-time graduate students in all mental health, social service, and spiritual care fields.

For more information, contact henry@interfaithcenter.org.

Sincerely,



Rev. Dr. Chloe Breyer
Executive Director



Featured News



The Movement for Black Lives

A new podcast miniseries asks NYC faith, secular, and governmental leaders about their experiences of the movement and its future



The Rev. Kaji Douša
Senior Pastor of Park Avenue Christian Church

For the first mini-episode in this series, our co-producer Michelle Polton-Simon talks with The Rev. Kaji Douša, who is the senior pastor at the [Park Avenue Christian Church](#), a co-chair of the [New Sanctuary Coalition](#), and a long-time activist who is a leader in New York City's Movement for Black Lives. Michelle asks Pastor Kaji about her experiences on the frontlines of the movement, and what advice she can offer for sustaining long-time advocacy efforts and avoiding burnout.

This episode is available now on our [website](#), [Facebook page](#), [YouTube channel](#) and most [podcast apps](#).

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Pandemic Mental Health Toolkit Webinars For Faith Leaders



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Free Webinars: Mental Health Toolkit & Resource For New York City Religious Leaders & Caregivers

A partnership between the Interfaith Center of New York, New York Disaster Interfaith Services, and the Mayor's Office of ThriveNYC is offering these free webinars, utilizing our new [Faith and Community Leaders Mental Health Toolkit](#), including strategies & resources to help faith leaders better understand how the COVID-19 pandemic may affect the mental health of your faith community.

Pandemic Grief Webinars will include an overview of the toolkit and a moderated panel discussion on how trauma impacts grief or the unique importance of self-care during periods of grief.

Toolkit Webinars will include a brief overview of the toolkit and how to take action to support the mental health of your faith community during the COVID-19 pandemic, followed by a moderated panel discussion with emotional and spiritual care experts.

Upcoming Webinars (click title to register):

- [Mental Health Toolkit & Panel Discussion For Muslim Leaders - July 2, 2020](#)
(2:00 pm - 3:00 pm EDT)

Download a Flyer

Download Toolkit

The 5th Annual Social Work and Religious Diversity Conference

Being Together While We're Apart: Building Community and Providing Care, in the Pandemic and Beyond



Conference for Mental Health, Social Service, and Spiritual Care Professionals – All are Welcome

Online in Zoom, due to public health conditions

Wednesday, July 22, 9:00 am - 5:00 pm EDT

Conference for Mental Health, Social Service, and Spiritual Care Professionals.

Offering **6.5 Continuing Education Credit Hours** for NY State LMSWs/LCSWs.

Co-Sponsored by Interfaith Center of New York, the Jewish Board, and the Psychotherapy and Spirituality Institute.

Join us to learn from diverse religious leaders and faith-based service providers. Work with colleagues in small groups, to share and reflect on your own experiences of building community and providing care during the COVID-19 pandemic. Explore the psychological and spiritual challenges of social isolation, as well as innovative strategies for online connection.

[Register Here](#)

ICNY Weekly Roundup #15

WHAT YOU SHOULD KNOW:

[**NY Forward - Phase Three Guidelines**](#). Read the guidelines before NYC enters phase three of reopening around July 6.

[**500 Leading U.S. Progressive Organizations**](#). Review 500 leading organizations in the United States working for progressive change on a national level.

[What are your rights as a tenant?](#) Read *Curbed New York's* article on New York's coronavirus eviction moratorium.

WHERE YOU CAN GIVE (AND RECEIVE):

[Project Angel Food.](#) Volunteer to prepare and deliver healthy meals to people impacted by serious illness.

[Find Your Local Food Bank.](#) Contact your local community food bank to find food or read about public assistance programs.

[Volunteer at a Homeless Shelter.](#) Visit the National Coalition for the Homeless's website to find the closest shelters near you, and reach out to see if they could use assistance.

[Volunteer with Umbrella.](#) When you sign up to volunteer, you'll see opportunities to help seniors in your community by delivering essential items like groceries and prescriptions, so that they can stay safe at home.

HOW YOU CAN SUPPORT RACIAL JUSTICE:

[Commitment March: Get Your Knee Off Our Necks!](#) Join National Action Network's March on Washington to demonstrate a commitment to fighting for policing and criminal justice.

[How to Support the Struggle Against Police Brutality.](#) Read suggestions from *The Cut* on how you can support the cause of racial justice.

[The NAACP Legal Defense Fund.](#) Donate to NAACP to help "win landmark legal battles, protect voters across the nation, and advance the cause of racial justice, equality, and an inclusive society."

HOW YOU CAN BE COUNTED:

[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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