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September 2020

Dear Friend,

We have exactly one month to make sure that all New Yorkers are counted and get their fair share of federal assistance for the next ten years. Put another way, each household that does NOT fill out the 2020 Census is leaving more than a thousand dollars for schools, libraries, hospitals, and public assistance on the table. Let's not do that. You can send out the 2020 Census at www.my2020census.gov or call over the phone (1-844-330-2020 for English) and you can [sign up here](#) to make calls to remind and assist other New Yorkers in filling out *their* 2020 Census forms. If you speak either Spanish, Cantonese, Mandarin and/or English, you are particularly needed.

Almost two years ago, in response to the Trump Administration's "Zero Tolerance Policy" that marked the tragic beginning of ongoing immigrant family separations

in this country, many of you advocated for the "Separation of Families Accountability Response Act (SCAR Act) – an initiative spearheaded by The New Sanctuary Coalition, The Interfaith Center of New York, the New York State Council of Churches, and other allies, including the Junior League of New York.


Thanks to your efforts and the leadership of Assembly Member Harvey Epstein (D-74) and Senator Brian Benjamin (D-30) as well as Assembly Member Andrew Hevesi (D-28), Senator Velmanette Montgomery (D-25), and New York State faith leaders, the Assembly and the State Senate passed [S222-C/A1436-C] the new version of this important bill ensuring new protections for immigrant New Yorkers.

This bill is now awaiting the Governor's signature to become law. [Click here](#) to sign onto a letter to the Governor before September 15th to make sure this bill becomes law.

Finally, we are excited to announce our upcoming Rabbi Marshall T. Meyer Retreat on the Climate Crisis and New York's Faith Communities this coming October. For more information, please contact hanadi@interfaithcenter.org.

Thank you for your time and attention.

Sincerely,



Rev. Dr. Chloe Breyer
Executive Director



ICNY's Interfaith Matters Podcast

Focusing on the Movement for Black Lives



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Coming Together to Keep Our City Safe

Jeffrey Maddrey, Chief of the NYPD Community Affairs Bureau, speaks about the future of police-community relations in New York City.

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Show Up and Listen

Rabbi Joshua Stanton, of East End Temple, discusses faith leadership's unique role in the Movement for Black Lives.

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More episodes from Season Five:

- [“We’re Nowhere Near Done” - Pastor Kaji Douša on the Movement for Black Lives](#)
- [“Be Strong and Courageous” - Facing the Challenges of Pastoral Care in a Time of Social Distancing](#)
- [“Isolation is a Tool for Abusers” - Faith Leaders on the Front Lines of the COVID-19 Domestic Violence Crisis](#)

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PSI's Annual 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?

5.5 CEUs/CECs for LCSWs, LMHCs, LMFTs, and LCATs.

3 CEC's are available towards IFS certification for those who have completed Level 1 IFS training.

Along with PSI and ICNY, the conference is cosponsored by the [Hazelden Betty Ford Foundation](#), [Internal Family Systems Institute](#), and [Trinity Church Wall Street](#).

[Get Tickets](#)

Public School Opening - Call Senator Chuck Schumer

September 2-10



the
new
3Rs

Senator Schumer needs to hear from you. Call him at 202-224-3121 and tell him the following:

1. do not force Black and Latinx families to choose between a diploma or a death certificate,
2. ask the millionaires for humanity to fund broadband in family shelters, use street/traffic lights to install broadband in public housing, and
3. meet with faith-based leaders to discuss how their spaces can be used for children who have IEP and 504, and thus will not benefit from online learning.

Call Senator Chuck Schumer:

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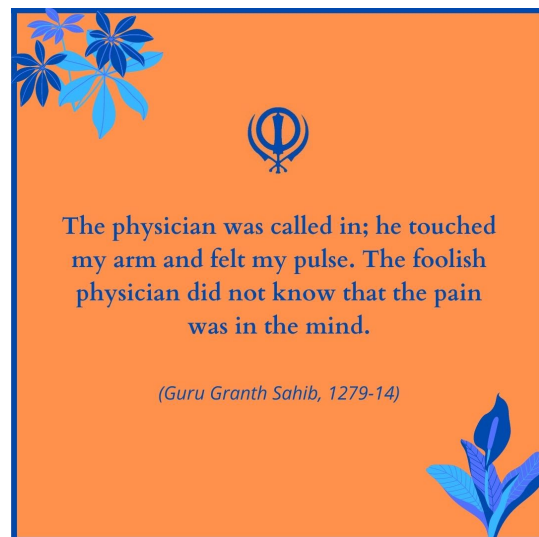
[The New 3Rs](#)

Mental Health Toolkit for Faith and Community Leaders

"The resources in the Toolkit offer us a way to better understand the specific mental health vulnerabilities our congregations and we ourselves are subject to during this pandemic and the years of recovery to come..."

-From the Introduction of the Mental Health Toolkit for Faith and Community Leaders, Rev. Dr. Chloe Breyer & Peter B. Gudaitis

[Download Toolkit](#)





The best form of service is to
uplift someone's state of mind.

(Sri Sri Ravi Shankar)



Have We not opened your heart for you
[Oh Prophet]? And removed from you the
burden which weighed down your back?
... Indeed, after hardship there is ease.
Most certainly, after hardship there is ease.

(Surah Ash-Sharh, 94:1-3, 5-6)



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