October 2020

Dear Friend,

ICNY has one message this month. In New York State, early voting begins on October 24, 2020. Find your polling station here.

Sincerely,

Rev. Dr. Chloe Breyer
Executive Director

The 38th Rabbi Marshall T. Meyer Retreat For Social Justice
We hope you can join the conversation with our diverse panelists.

Imam Saffet Caticic  
Co-Founder and Chair  
Green Muslims of New Jersey

Rick Chavolla  
Board Chair  
American Indian Community House

Gopal D. Patel  
Co-Founder and Director  
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Rabbi Jennie Rosenn  
Founder and CEO  
Dayenu: A Jewish Call to Climate Action

Karenna Gore  
Founder and Director  
The Center for Earth Ethics at Union Theological Seminary

Peggy Shepard  
Co-Founder & Executive Director  
WE ACT for Environmental Justice

Daniel Zarrilli  
Chief Climate Policy Advisor  
and OneNYC Director  
NYC Office of the Mayor

Thursday, October 8th, 9:00 am to 2:00 pm EDT

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Ethical Call to Action on Climate Policy by Karenna Gore

Ethics is simply about right and wrong and as a field of thought, it is most powerful when a widely held, deep sense of right and wrong is out of step with both laws and social norms...

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Lawyering and Religious Diversity
CLE Symposium
October 13 & 14

Join New York Law School, the Interfaith Center of New York, and the New York State Bar Association for a two-day CLE symposium on lawyering and religious diversity.

Speakers will include attorneys, faith leaders, and other experts on religious diversity, social justice, human rights, and the law. Judge Robert Katzmann of the Second Circuit of the US Appeals will speak. Panel discussions will explore the role of religious diversity in legal practice, as well as the legal issues facing religiously diverse New Yorkers — including family law and employment discrimination.

RSVP Here
The COVID pandemic has taken a terrible toll on the mental health of New Yorkers, with increasing social isolation, stress, anxiety, depression, grief, and trauma.

The Interfaith Center of New York, New York Disaster Interfaith Services, and the Mayor’s Office of ThriveNYC have created a *Mental Health Toolkit for Faith and Community Leaders*, to help faith leaders understand how the pandemic may affect the mental health of their communities, and help them take concrete steps to support community wellbeing.

Download Toolkit

And use our *Faith & Mental Health Social Media Kit* to share it!

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Community Events

Candlelight Vigil for Domestic Violence Survivors

October 27
Turning Point for Women & Families’ third annual Candlelight Vigil will be a virtual event to honor survivors, to spread domestic violence awareness, and to offer a platform for the community to share some healing words.

**Learn More**

**Mourning Into Unity**
October 12 & 19

Let’s come together as a nation to mourn our devastating losses and declare our unity as Americans and people of faith. When we see our shared humanity, we strengthen our commitment to each other and our democracy.
Faith leaders, healthcare professionals, churches, synagogues, and mosques across the country will be holding two candlelight vigils outside their houses of worship.

Hosted by Reimagine.

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The voter registration deadline for New York is October 9. Register below and, if desired, apply for an absentee ballot.

Register Here

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The U.S. Census Bureau has extended the deadline to October 31. Respond today and take a look at our Interfaith Census Toolkit.

Respond Here

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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