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**November 2020**

Dear Friend,

*"For the first time, an election is not about content of the candidates' character, it's about the content of the voters' character. We aren't selecting a president as much as we are proclaiming to ourselves and the rest of the world what America means . . ."*

-Kareem Abdul-Jabaar

This past Sunday, many Christians in the U.S. celebrated the Feast of All Saints – one of the five great celebrations of the liturgical year. On this occasion, we recognize that as the writer of the Letter to the Hebrews put it, "we are surrounded by a great cloud of witnesses."

In secular terms, the legacy and sacrifices of those heroes of democracy who went before us, shape the actions of those of us living today. Heroes of democracy who died this year and were honored on this page, included the Rev. C.T. Vivian, Congressman John Lewis, Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg, and ICNY's founder, The Very Rev. James Parks Morton. All were pioneers of civil rights. All were patriots in the truest sense. And they were beloved by God no matter their race or gender or faith tradition. All are inspirations to us as we head into tomorrow's election.

In his [dedicatory remarks at Gettysburg](#), at the Civil War battlefield, President Abraham Lincoln called on the living to honor the sacrifices of those who went before and summoned those who heard his words to work so that this nation could "have a new birth in freedom." The challenge back then still stands before us today – going into this election and in the weeks and months to follow.

Voting resources are listed below.

Sincerely,



Rev. Dr. Chloe Breyer  
Executive Director



## 2020 Voter Guide

Make your voice heard on November 3

[Learn](#)

[Vote](#)



Compare the candidates on your ballot and make informed choices on who (and what) to vote for.

[Find Ballot](#)



Confirm your voter registration status, find your polling place, invite others, and vote!

[Get Ready](#)

## Voting Resources

- Have questions about voting? [Call a voter hotline](#) at 833-336-8683.
- Learn how to [keep each other safe](#) during the 2020 election.
- Read a [campaign season guide](#) for houses of worship.
- Discover more [election protection resources](#) for faith communities.
- Connect with [Lawyers and Collars](#) about your voting rights.

*Please note: [Registered voters in New York City](#) do not need to show ID to vote, unless they did not provide identification with their registration or are voting for the first time.*

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## Interfaith Matters Podcast



Det. Mohamed Amen  
NYPD Clergy Outreach Unit



Rev. Paul Brandeis Raushenbush  
Interfaith Youth Core

## NYC's Many Faiths & the NYPD

What is the NYPD doing to engage NYC's 8,000+ faith communities and improve safety and quality of life for all New Yorkers?

[Watch Now](#)

## On Faith and Voting

The 2020 election may be one of the most important in our lifetimes. How are people of faith working to get out the vote?

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## The 38th Rabbi Marshall T. Meyer Retreat for Social Justice The Climate Crisis and New York Faith Communities

### *The Hudson River Ceremony*



During the 38th Rabbi Marshall T. Meyer Retreat, faith and indigenous leaders engaged in an interfaith ceremony offering prayers for the conservation and sacredness of water. This recorded ceremony highlights several faith traditions and communities that are at risk because of climate disruption.

*Download resources on the Climate Crisis.*

[Read More](#)

## Community Events

### NYDIS' Self-Care for Clergy & Spiritual Caregivers Webinar

November 5



The United States continues to experience the spread of COVID-19, including spikes of infections in some NYC neighborhoods. This free webinar offers guidance on how to care for ourselves as we continue to lead our congregants through this crisis.

This webinar is offered by New York Disaster Interfaith Services with support from the NYC Department of Health and Mental Hygiene and the Fund for Public Health in New York City.

[Register Here](#)

### Faith Leader Forum: Epidemic of Traffic Injuries and Deaths

November 9

**THE EPIDEMIC OF  
TRAFFIC INJURIES  
AND DEATHS:**

**THE ROLE OF  
FAITH  
COMMUNITIES**

Join Families for Safe Streets, Interfaith Center of New York and religious leaders

of all faiths to learn about the epidemic of traffic injuries and deaths, featuring a special clergy training for SERMONS FOR SAFE STREETS on how you can be part of the solution by supporting crash victims and preventing future carnage.



*Interfaith Matters Blog*

### Sermons for Safe Streets: An Opportunity for Faith leaders to Save Lives

"Every day we watched our children with wonder and our hearts grew in a way we did not think possible. We imagined that our love created an invisible shield that would protect our children forever..."

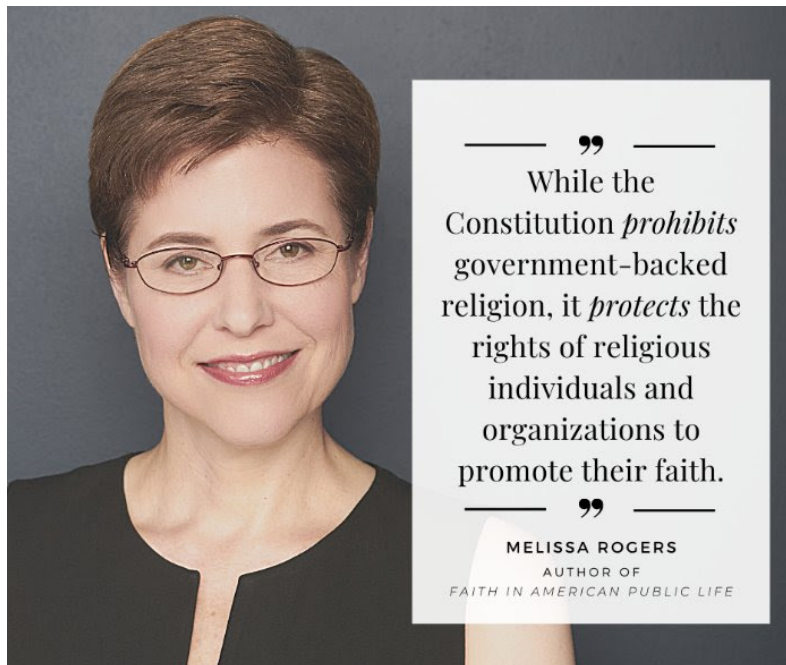
[Read More](#)

*Guest Post by Families for Safe Streets*

[Register Here](#)

## Faith in American Public Life, a Conversation with Melissa Rogers

November 19



In her critically acclaimed book *Faith in American Public Life*, Melissa Rogers explores the role of religion in the public square, and the First Amendment principles that define the relationships between church, mosque, synagogue, temple, and state. Through insightful analysis and practical recommendations, Rogers inspires hope that American religious pluralism can be

preserved and perfected, and that efforts to find common ground can be renewed.

Please join us to explore these pressing issues on November 19th.

*Melissa Rogers is the former Special Assistant to President Barack Obama and Executive Director of the White House Office of Faith-Based and Neighborhood Partnerships. She is a nationally known expert on religion in American public life, and currently serves as Visiting Professor at Wake Forest University School of Divinity and a Nonresident Senior Fellow at the Brookings Institution.*

Cosponsored by ICNY and the Peace Islands Institute.

[Register Here](#)

## Who is my Neighbor, Abrahamic Dialogue during the time of COVID

December 3



This bi-national webinar will offer a unique opportunity for participants from across the world to engage with leading Christian, Muslim, and Jewish thinkers on this theological question. Panelists will engage one another and the audience in dialogue on the implications of the answer to that question for people of faith in both the U.S. and Iran.

Webinar by LUKE 10. Cosponsors include The Interfaith Center of New York.

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