May 2021
Join us online for the

2021 JAMES PARKS MORTON INTERFAITH AWARDS

Monday, June 21, 2021 | 7pm

Honoring

Dr. Diana L. Eck
Professor of Comparative Religion and Indian Studies at Harvard University and Founder of The Pluralism Project

Congresswoman Grace Meng
U.S. House of Representatives, 6th District of New York, and Sponsor of the COVID-19 Hate Crimes Act

Register online at:
www.interfaithcenter.org/gala
The Interfaith Center of New York is thrilled to announce the 2021 James Parks Morton Honorees who we will celebrate virtually on June 21 during our online gala: Dr. Diana Eck, Professor of Comparative Religion and Indian Studies at Harvard University and founder of The Pluralism Project and Congresswoman Grace Meng representing the 6th District of New York (Northeast Queens) and Sponsor of the COVID-19 Hate Crimes Act. We look forward to honoring these two outstanding individuals in the spirit of ICNY’s founder, the Very Rev. James Parks Morton and hope that we will see you online for the premiere at 7 pm on June 21st. Here is the link to register to watch the gala and how to support ICNY.

In this newsletter, you will also learn about our upcoming annual religious diversity programs for social workers, "Body and Soul: Sex and Spirituality in Diverse Religious Communities" online on July 14, 15, and 16. On the 14 and 16, we will focus specifically on the spiritual lives and struggles of LGBTQ Muslims and Orthodox Jews, by screening the award-winning documentaries A Jihad for Love and Trembling Before G-d, followed by commentary from a clinical social worker and conversations with the filmmakers.

In addition, religious leaders of all backgrounds are invited to join the Micah Faith Table on May 4th to help shape a racial and economic justice compact for the new administration in New York City. To learn more, contact JoelAGibson@gmail.com.

Be sure to scroll to the bottom of this newsletter so that you can see our Interfaith Matters blogs and podcast section, which this week includes the recording of the Manhattan District Attorney Candidates Forum "Voices from Underserved and Over-Policed Communities" along with a program on our immigrants’ rights legal clinic with New York Law School and an interview with Council Member Danny Dromm about Resolution 1257 proposing religious diversity education in the New York Public Schools.

Sincerely,

Rev. Dr. Chloe Breyer
Executive Director
Cosponsored Events

Body and Soul:
Sex and Spirituality in Diverse Religious Communities
June 14, 15, and 16

For people of faith in all communities, sexual relationships and experiences are shaped, for both better and worse, by religious values and beliefs. In order to support the sexual health and emotional wellbeing of all New Yorkers, social service, mental health, and spiritual care professionals need to know what diverse religious traditions have to say about sex.
The June 15 conference will explore these issues in conversation with scholars, religious leaders, sex therapists, and sexual health educators. And on June 14 and 16, we will focus specifically on the spiritual lives and struggles of LGBTQ Muslims and Orthodox Jews, by screening the award-winning documentaries A Jihad for Love and Trembling Before G-d, followed by commentary from a clinical social worker and conversations with the filmmakers.

Click Here for Detailed Program and Registration

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Interfaith Youth Mayoral Town Hall
May 3, 7:30 pm EDT

On Monday, May 3rd at 7:30 SAR High School, Interfaith Center of NY the American Jewish Committee, St. Jean Baptiste High School, and multiple other schools/organizations will host an Interfaith Youth NYC Mayoral Forum where Muslim, Catholic, and Jewish students will have a chance to ask the attending Mayoral Candidates questions pertaining to our lives as interfaith youth living in NYC and the upcoming election.

Please email esaenger22@sarhighschool.org with any questions.
Micah Institute:
How Will NYC Faith Voters Shape The Next Election
May 4, 12:00 pm EDT

We thank you for registering for and attending our meeting on April 20th to strategically discuss how we as diverse faith leaders can come together to set a bold agenda for the future leadership of our city.

Unfortunately, we cannot provide the meeting recording, but we do ask everyone to join us on May 4, 2021, at 12:00 pm for our second meeting on zoom to continue this work and learn about Rank Choice Voting.
RSVP by emailing Rev. Joel Gibson at JoelAGibson@gmail.com.

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Spiritually-Informed Psychotherapies
June 16 - July 21, 9:00 am - 12:00 pm EDT

2021 Virtual Summer Certificate Program

Spiritually-Informed Psychotherapies

The Psychotherapy and Spirituality Institute (PSI) joins with ICNY to offer a summertime continuing clinical education certificate program in Spiritually-Informed Psychotherapies. This program gives qualified professionals providing mental health or pastoral care services an opportunity to holistically inform their practices through the study of the key intersections between spiritual wisdom and psychological insight.

For more information and to register, visit https://psinyc.org/2021-summer-certificate-program/

Register

Community Events
A listing does not imply endorsement.
9th Annual William S. Perper Faith Health Symposium:
Recovery from Alcohol Use Disorder
May 6, 12:00 pm EDT

Please join us for the second session of a three-week virtual series of the 9th Annual William S. Perper Faith-Health Symposium. This conference is for individuals who are concerned about the current substance use crisis in our country, and for those who are personally facing challenges of substance use disorders.

Register

Prayer Vigil for India
May 8, 1:00 pm EDT

The Hindu Temple Society of North America, NY invites you to please join us in solidarity to support and pray together for the rapid recovery of the country from this disaster and prevent further loss of lives.

May 8, 2021 (Saturday) at 1:00 PM (EST)
Vigil includes remarks by local dignitaries...
Watch Live: facebook.com/nyganeshemple or youtube.com/nyganeshemple

The Hindu Temple Society of North America, NY invites you to please join us in solidarity to support and pray together for the rapid recovery of the country from this disaster and prevent further loss of lives.
The vigil includes remarks by local dignitaries and bhajans (devotional songs) performed by Smt. Saavitri Ramanand on this somber occasion.

9th Annual William S. Perper Faith Health Symposium:
Ministry and Addiction
May 13, 12:00 pm EDT

Please join us for the final session of a three-week virtual series of the 9th Annual William S. Perper Faith-Health Symposium. This conference is for individuals who are concerned about the current substance use crisis in our country, and for those who are personally facing challenges of substance use disorders.

The 2021 Parliament of the World's Religions
October 17-18
The 8th Parliament of the World’s Religions, hosted for the first time virtually, will bring together people of faith from around the world in an instant. The virtual Parliament is a safe way to gather the world’s global interfaith movement and celebrate the enduring spirit and work of religious and spiritual communities striving toward a more just, peaceful, and sustainable world.

Register

Interfaith Matters Podcast & Blog

Podcast

Religious Literacy in New York Public Schools

Host Dr. Henry Goldschmidt talks with New York City Council Member Daniel Dromm, a lead co-sponsor of Resolution 1257, and a panel of religious diversity educators.

Watch

Blog

Immigrants Rights Legal Clinic

A presentation by New York Law School Asylum Clinic on immigrants’ rights if law enforcement asks about their immigration status or other situations.

Watch

Blog

Voices from Underserved & Over-Policed Communities: Manhattan DA Candidates Forum

An online forum to ensure that the next Manhattan District Attorney
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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