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May 2021



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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

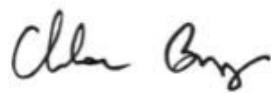
The Interfaith Center of New York is thrilled to announce the 2021 James Parks Morton Honorees who we will celebrate virtually on June 21 during our online gala: [Dr. Diana Eck](#), Professor of Comparative Religion and Indian Studies at Harvard University and founder of [The Pluralism Project](#) and [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



**Body and Soul:
Sex and Spirituality in Diverse Religious Communities**

Online Conference and Film Screenings for Social Service, Mental Health, and Spiritual Care Professionals • 10 Hours of Continuing Ed. Credit for NY State Licensed Social Workers

June 14, 15, and 16 • Detailed Program and Registration
at interfaithcenter.org/social-work-conference

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The Interfaith Center of New York is recognized by the New York State Education Department's State Board for Social Work as an approved provider of continuing education for licensed social workers, #SW-0163.

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](#)

[Download the Flyer.](#)

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.

[Register](#)

[Download the Flyer.](#)

Micah Institute:
How Will NYC Faith Voters Shape The Next Election
May 4, 12:00 pm EDT

The flyer features a green background with a circular inset image showing a group of people in a meeting. In the top left corner of the flyer is the Micah Institute logo, which includes a stylized flame icon and the text 'MICAH INSTITUTE' and 'INSPIRED • ENGAGED • EMPOWERED'. A circular icon with a clipboard and checklist symbol is positioned on the left side of the flyer. The main text on the flyer reads 'URGENT ORGANIZING MEETING PART 2: NYC FAITH PLATFORM & RANK CHOICE VOTING'. Below this, a light blue box contains the slogan 'Your vote counts, use your voice.'. The date and time 'May 4, 2021 12:00PM' are listed next to the Zoom logo. On the right side, contact information is provided: 'Register By Emailing: JoelAGibson@gmail.com' and the website 'www.micahinstitute.org'.

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.

RSVP

[Download the Flyer.](#)

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



9th Annual William S. Perper Faith-Health Symposium

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



Prayer Vigil for India
As the Country faces the deadly second COVID wave

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/nyganeshtemple or youtube.com/nyganeshtemple

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.

[Watch](#)

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



9th Annual William S. Perper Faith-Health Symposium

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.

[Register](#)

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

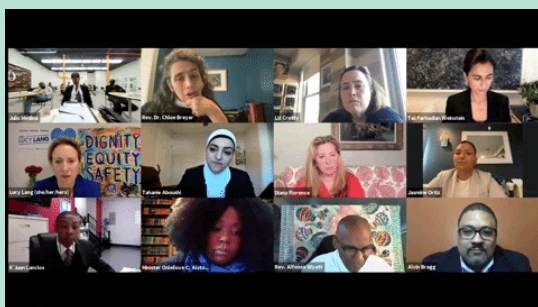


Immigrants Rights Legal Clinic

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

