James Parks Morton Interfaith Awards Gala Honorees

Left to Right: Dr. Diana Eck, U.S. Congresswoman Grace Meng

June 2021

ICNY congratulates our JPM honoree, Congresswoman Grace Meng (D-NY) on the passage of her co-sponsored bill, the COVID-19 Hate Crimes Act, recently signed
into law by President Joe Biden. The bill makes reporting of hate crimes easier by boosting outreach and ensuring reporting resources are available online in multiple languages. It also directs the Department of Justice to designate a point person to expedite the review of hate crimes related to COVID-19 — 36% of which were directed against people of Asian descent.

Please join us on June 21 at 7 PM to support the work of the Interfaith Center of New York and honor both Representative Grace Meng and Dr. Diana Eck with the James Parks Morton Interfaith Award — two outstanding individuals whose work give hope to our moment in time and whose lives embody the dream of peace and interfaith harmony of ICNY’s founder.

Dr. Diana Eck is a pioneer in religious pluralism. A Professor at Harvard University and founder of the Pluralism Project, Dr. Eck has mapped the United States’ changing religious diversity since the change of immigration laws in 1964 and widen interfaith dialogue from a Christian-Jewish conversation to one that goes far beyond the Abrahamic traditions.

Congresswoman Meng represents the 6th District of New York, Flushing, NY the most diverse neighborhood on the planet. In addition to the COVID-19 Hate Crimes Bill, over her five terms in office, she has sought to strengthen the social safety net and fought for the interests of small business owners including bodegas.

Please join us in celebrating these two individuals and supporting ICNY’s work by becoming a sponsor by contributing $500 or more ($250 for faith/nonprofit leaders). Sponsors who confirm by June 8 will be recognized during the program and are invited to join members of the staff and Board of Directors for an online gathering at 6:30 pm on June 21st. Please go to www.interfaithcenter.org/gala to register. Checks can be mailed to The Interfaith Center of New York, PO Box 20377, New York, NY 10009.

Above all, I hope that you can register and join us on June 21st to honor these two amazing women and ICNY’s work.

Thank you for your support.

Rev. Dr. Chloe Breyer
Executive Director
Join us online for the
2021 JAMES PARKS MORTON INTERFAITH AWARDS
Monday, June 21, 2021 | 7pm
Honoring
Dr. Diana L. Eck
Congresswoman Grace Meng
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Watch the Gala
Racially Just Civic Engagement for Faith Leaders

June 10, 1:00 - 2:30 pm EDT

Join NYC Office of Civic Engagement, The Center Faith & Community Partnerships, NYC Racial Justice Commision and The Interfaith Center of NY for an interactive and informative virtual session. This session will inform New York City Faith leaders on how they can become engaged in the civic life of our city in a way that is racially just during these critical times.

Register: tinyurl.com/FaithCE

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If you have any questions or concerns, email Minister OnleiAlston at Onlei@interfaithcenter.org.
The Host Committee of *Face2Faith: Mayoral Candidates Reimagining A Diverse New York City* would like to invite you to participate in our mayoral candidate forum on June 14, 2021 from 12:30-2:00pm. The forum will be moderated by NY1 “Inside City Hall” host Errol Louis.

The purpose of this mayoral candidate forum is to give New York City faith voters an opportunity to hear candidates discuss issues related to racial and economic justice, hate crimes, Covid-19 recovery, and ways to strengthen how the next mayor will work in partnership with our city’s diverse faith communities.

The event is free and will be open to the public.
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.

Application Deadline is June 9, 2021.
This second wave of Covid-19 is spreading like fire. It is the most vulnerable and marginalized people who suffer the most; from Covid-19 itself and through lack of access to income, food, and sanitation.

Your donation will help with the following relief:

- Distributing emergency supplies, food kits, and sanitation equipment
- Communicating accurate information on preventative healthcare, (including physical distancing, use of PPE and sanitizers, and vaccinations) for vulnerable communities
- Working closely with local Governments to ensure emergency relief and welfare support reaches the most vulnerable
- Protecting women and girls vulnerable to increased risk of violence during lockdown
- Supporting a team of 200 medical doctors working with 900 covid patients and their families in the slums of Nagpur providing food, medical kits, oxygen
- Supporting people in hospitals, at home, or at the newly established Nagaloka Care Centre

We are doing everything we can to meet the rapidly escalating needs in India and Nepal. We urgently need donations.

Watch this video for more about the work and read this blog by Dharmachari Ananta from Triratna New York.
Mental Health For All

"No matter who you are, no matter what you need, New York City is here for you, #MentalHealthForAllNYC."

-First Lady Chirlane McCray

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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.

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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