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MONTHLY NEWSLETTER



ICNY and Our Partners Have Faith in Vaccines

(photos show diverse New Yorkers getting their shots, along with ICNY staff and partners including Manhattan Borough President Gale Brewer and Imam Souleiman Konate)

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When ICNY became a founding member of the [Covid-19 Community Corps](#), we committed ourselves to improving vaccination rates among religiously New Yorkers. It has been a busy month of pop-up clinics, and I am proud to say that with help from our partners, including [NYC Test & Trace Corps](#) and the [Manhattan Borough President's Office](#), we have vaccinated over 100 people at Masjid Aqsa-Salam, the Mosque of Islamic Brotherhood, Harlem Islamic Cultural Center, the Murid Islamic Community, the Senegalese Association of Harlem, and the Jamaica First Ward of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints. If you still need to get your vaccine, you can always find it at <https://vaccinefinder.nyc.gov>.

Looking ahead, applications are now available for our 2021-22 Interfaith Civic Leadership Academy! All NYC religious leaders are welcome to apply for this [stipended multifaith leadership development program](#). Please see below for more details, and share this opportunity with your own faith community.

ICNY and the Micah Table's [Interfaith Racial and Economic Justice Compact for New York City](#) has been updated. I hope your organization or congregation can sign on. Contact onleilove@interfaithcenter.org to get involved in our racial justice advocacy work.

And if you *really* want to get involved, the Interfaith Center of New York is looking for a new Operations Manager. Please [click here for a copy of the job description](#) and join the team at ICNY.

Finally, I am delighted to note that President Biden has [nominated an extraordinary team of faith leaders and public servants](#) to serve in religious affairs roles at the Department of State and Commission on International Religious Freedom. These include Rashad Hussain, who will (if confirmed) be the first Muslim to serve as Ambassador-at-Large for International Religious Freedom, as well as ICNY's friend and partner Rabbi Sharon Kleinbaum, who has been reappointed to the Commission on International Religious Freedom. Congratulations Mr. Hussain and Rabbi Kleinbaum -- you represent the best of our religiously diverse society!



Rev. Dr. Chloe Dreyer,
Executive Director

ps: If you find valuable information in our newsletter, [please consider a gift](#) to support ICNY and the faith leaders we serve.



ICNY PROGRAMS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Interfaith Civic Leadership Academy



Apply Now



ICNY
Interfaith Center of New York

to join the next Leadership Academy

Civic engagement, advocacy, and community organizing training for diverse New York religious leaders. Stipends for participants, and grants for community projects.

Applications due by September 12.

Detailed information at interfaithcenter.org/icla.

Applications Now Open for the Next Interfaith Civic Leadership Academy

Calling all NYC Faith Leaders Working to Make a Difference

[Click Here to Learn More and Apply](#)

Throughout New York, diverse faith leaders are working to create positive change for their own communities and the city as a whole. With support from the [Robert Sterling Clark Foundation](#), ICNY's Interfaith Civic Leadership Academy gives them the tools they need to make a difference. In a series of evening workshops, our ICLA fellows explore:

- *Diverse models of civic engagement and religious leadership*
- *Effective policy advocacy and community organizing strategies*
- *Guided reflection on their own distinctive leadership styles*
- *Interfaith dialogue to build personal relationships across faith lines*

Our fellows then develop community projects that contribute to the civic life of New York. Each fellow receives **\$500 in grant funding** to support their project, as well as a **\$500 personal stipend** to recognize their time commitment and cover their expenses.



**WE ARE
HIRING**



**OPERATIONS
MANAGER**

Join the Team at ICNY

We're Hiring a New Operations Manager

[Click Here for the Job Description](#)

We hope you'll apply, or share this opportunity with your networks. Help us build a more just and inclusive city for all New Yorkers.

FEATURED EVENTS

Why Black Religion Matters

In honor of "Black August," the Center and Library for the Bible and Social Justice is embarking on a deep dive into the transformative and revolutionary aspects of Black religion. We will convene online **each Tuesday during August at 4:30 Pacific Time / 7:30 Eastern Time** to remember and learn from Black/Africana contributions to our scriptural traditions.

Tuesday, August 10
Minister Onleilove Chika Alston
speaking on **African Jews & the Black freedom movement**



Advance registration required. For more details and to register, visit bit.ly/clbsj-BlackAugust

Co-sponsored by the Community of Living Traditions.



Why Black Religion Matters

Explore the Transformative, Revolutionary Aspects of Black Religion, with Minister Onleilove Chika Alston

Tuesday, August 10, 7:30 pm ET

Online and Open to All, but Registration is Required

[Click Here to Register](#)

In this online workshop, Minister Onleilove Chika Alston will speak about African Jews and the Black freedom movement. Minister Alston is ICNY's Racial Justice Organizing Fellow, and author of *Prophetic Whirlwind: Uncovering the Black Biblical Destiny*. She

holds an MDiv and MSW from Union Theological Seminary, and has initiated and co-founded numerous networks including Prophetic Whirlwind Ministries, a ministry is dedicated to uncovering the African roots of the Bible, as well as Daughters4Justice, NY Faith Leaders for Criminal Justice Reform, and the #Right2RemainSilent Coalition.

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th Aarti Hindu Lamp Ceremony on the East River

Main Street: Pebble Beach at Brooklyn Bridge Park
Brooklyn, NY 11201

Saturday, August 7, 2021 4 PM to 7:30PM

Free Public Event

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Photo: Joseph Baldevin



Photo: Evi Arredondo

Aarti Hindu Lamp Ceremony

Help Aeilushi Mistry bring peace and harmony to our community as she performs the traditional Hindu Aarti ceremony at Brooklyn Bridge Park's Pebble Beach at Main Street.



Photo: Joseph Baldevin

The Aarti ceremony is traditionally performed each morning and evening along India's rivers. It is performed in order to convey gratitude to mother river, reflect on our community and remember our loved ones. Please join us as we decorate palm leaf lamps and release them along the East River and pay our respect our loved ones. Guest artists will also present their work at this event.

Aarti Hindu Lamp Ceremony is sponsored, in part, by the Greater New York Arts Development Fund of the New York City Department of Cultural Affairs, administered by Brooklyn Arts Council (BAC).

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Brooklyn Arts Council
New York City Department of Cultural Affairs

पूर्व नदी पर आरती समारोह

इसके लिए ब्रिज पार्क के बीचों, शुक्रवार के महालय के तट पर की गई है। इसमें अरुण, अर्जुनी मिश्री, पारंपरिक आरती समारोह में, दर्शनार्थियों को आमंत्रित किया है। आज है आप सपरिहार एवं स्वच्छ महल, इस आरति कार्यक्रम में उपस्थित होंगे तथा अंतरजातीय सद्भावना को प्रकाश करेंगे।

आरती समारोह, परंपरागत रूप से, भारत की नदियों के तट पर, प्रायः एक घण्टे, मंगलकामनाओं के साथ किया जाता है। यह कुलजला की नदी के लिए अर्पण व्यक्त करने के लिए, हमारे समुदाय पर विचार करने और हमारे विपत्तियों को याद करने के क्रम में किया जाता है। आरति, बड़े और बड़े, तालपत्रों के मजालों की ओर से, पूर्व नदी की संस्था को निहारने। माय ही, दर्शन, अतिथि कलाकारों इस समारोह के लिए आरती कला का प्रदर्शन करेंगे।

समारोह को प्रमत्त करेंगी, भारतीय नृत्य कला निदेशक, अर्जुनी मिश्री। सहसंचालक: बुकनीन कला परिषद, बुकनीन ब्रिज पार्क संरक्षण एवं केम्प।

Additional Support
Brooklyn Bridge Park Conservancy
Bamblu LLC

This event is conceived and presented by Indian dance arts educator,
Aeilushi Mistry (2015 NYFA Fellow, Folk/Traditional Arts)



Aeilushi Mistry
Sculpture, Performance, Choreography
2015 NYFA Fellow, Folk/Traditional Arts
<http://aeilushi.wix.com/aeilushi>

Aarti Hindu Lamp Ceremony

Sunday, August 7, 4:00 - 7:30 pm ET

On the East River, at Pebble Beach in Brooklyn Bridge Park

Free and Open to the Public - No Registration Required

[Click Here for More Information](#)

Sacred artist, dancer, and educator Aeilushi Mistry will bring peace and harmony to the community as she performs the traditional Aarti ceremony, honoring the ties between Mother Ganga and New York's rivers.

The Aarti ceremony is performed each morning and evening along India's rivers, in order to convey gratitude to mother river, reflect on community, and remember loved ones. This year's ceremony is especially important as we honor the loss many have experienced in the past year of COVID-19. Please join us as we decorate palm leaf lamps and release them along the East River to make prayers and pay our respects to loved ones. Guest artists will also present their work at this event.

THE GODSQUAD 67TH PRECINCT CLERGY COUNCIL
REDUCING -GUN- VIOLENCE
**YOUTH
SUMMIT**
GIVEAWAYS | FOOD | RESOURCES | MUSIC
TUESDAY, AUGUST 17, 2021 / 6:30PM
NOSTRAND PLAYGROUND
3002 Foster Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11210
[ReducingGunviolenceSummit2021.eventbrite.com](https://www.eventbrite.com/e/reducing-gun-violence-youth-summit-2021-tickets-151111111111)
@67clergycouncil • 67thclergycouncil.org

Reducing Gun Violence Youth Summit

Tuesday, August 17, 6:30 pm ET

Nostrand Playground, 3002 Foster Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11210

Free and Open to the Public - Registration Recommended

[Click Here to Register](https://www.eventbrite.com/e/reducing-gun-violence-youth-summit-2021-tickets-151111111111)

A community dialogue hosted by The GodSquad, Flatbush Leadership Academy, Rohan Levy Foundation, GodSquad SYEP, East Flatbush Village, Elite Learners,

Mothers for Safe Cities, Clergy For Safe Cities, along with many service providers, faith-based organizations, and elected officials.

This evening will be a collective, comprehensive, community gathering to share solution-based initiatives that will decrease the involvement of young people in street crews, crime, and gun violence, and to hear from our youth directly. Through our partnerships, we have seen a significant reduction in the number of firearm incidents as we work to create safer, more peaceful neighborhoods for all residents of our community.



Preventing Targeted Violence and Protecting Houses of Worship

Faith and Community Based Approaches in the US and in Europe

Tuesday, August 17, 2:00 pm ET

Online and Open to All, but Registration is Required

[Click Here to Register](#)

With the uptick of targeted violence and safety and security concerns of faith and community groups, the DHS Center for Faith-Based and Neighborhood Partnerships in partnership with DHS Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Administration, DHS Center for Prevention, Programs and Partnerships and the Department of Justice, Community Relations Services is hosting a webinar to highlight faith and community based approaches to ensure the safety of houses of worship in the US and in Europe.

October 16 - 18

The logo features the year '2021' in large black font. The zero is replaced by a globe with green leaves sprouting from it. A white computer mouse is positioned over the second '2'. Below the year, the word 'PARLIAMENT' is written in large green capital letters. Underneath that, 'OF THE WORLD'S RELIGIONS' is written in black capital letters. At the bottom right, the word 'VIRTUAL' is written in blue capital letters with a blue location pin icon to its left.

2021 PARLIAMENT OF THE WORLD'S RELIGIONS VIRTUAL

2021 Parliament of the World's Religions

Discounted Early Bird Registration Available through August 31

[Click Here to Register](#)

The 8th Parliament of the World's Religions will be held online from October 16th to 18th, 2021. Hosted for the first time virtually, the Parliament 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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