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Approaching the 20th anniversary of the 9/11 attacks, we remember the courage New Yorkers showed in the aftermath, and the many ways that ICNY and the faith leaders in our network worked together to provide a multi-faith volunteer chaplaincy presence at the WTC site and to host interfaith press conferences condemning violence and hate.

Below we share with you a number of commemorative events that I hope you will consider attending, which include a [9/11 Interfaith Peace Walk](#) meeting at St. Patrick's Cathedral on Sept. 9; [Shabbat Services in Prospect Park](#) on Sept. 10, and a [gathering for healing and remembrance](#) on Sept. 11th itself.

I am reminded now more than ever of an Episcopal-Muslim partnership to rebuild a bombed mosque near Kabul, which I wrote about [here](#) in 2004, as many of our partners like Women for Afghan Women, United Sikhs, and Catholic Charities work to protect the women and other Afghans who have risked their lives for human rights and gender equality over the last 20 years. With those partners in mind, I invite you to consider contributing financially to their work in support of humanitarian parole filing fees [here](#), or to [consider becoming a sponsor](#) for an immigrant Afghan family. Also, if you are a lawyer, paralegal, or even a current law student, please click [here](#) to learn how you can volunteer.

Our work in NYC to end violence, prejudice, and misunderstanding continues, and with that I wish to remind you that applications are still open for our 2021-22 Interfaith Civic Leadership Academy. All NYC religious leaders are welcome to apply by September 12 for this [stipended multifaith leadership development program](#). Please see below for more details; I would be most grateful if you would share this opportunity with others, too.

Sincerely,



Rev. Dr. Chloe Breyer,

Executive Director

PS: Please consider a gift to support ICNY and the many faith leaders and communities we serve. You can do so [here](#).



ICNY PROGRAMS

Interfaith Civic Leadership Academy



Apply Now



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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.

Calling all Faith Leaders Working to Make a Difference

There's Still Time to Apply for the Next Interfaith Civic Leadership Academy

[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.

COMMEMORATING 9/11

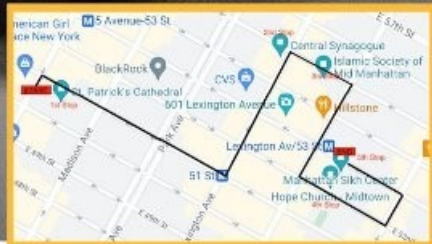
9/11 Interfaith Walk

20 Years of NYC Faith Communities Building Peace

Join NYC faith leaders in visiting diverse houses of worship, to commemorate 20 years of unity and peace building.

**Thursday, Sept. 9
5:00 - 7:00 pm**

For route and info visit
<https://bit.ly/911peacewalk>



9/11 Interfaith Peace Walk

20 Years of NYC Faith Communities Building Peace
Thursday, September 9th, 5 - 7 pm, Rain or Shine

Meet at 5 pm at St. Patrick's Cathedral, 5th Avenue & 50th Street

[Click Here for Details](#)

For the 20th anniversary of 9/11, diverse NYC faith leaders are joining hands and "praying with our feet," to commemorate tragedy and celebrate peace.

Please join us as we walk to five houses of worship in Midtown Manhattan, standing in solidarity against injustice, hate, and discrimination. We will begin our journey at **St. Patrick's Cathedral**, then walk together to **Central Synagogue**, then **The Islamic Society of Mid-Manhattan**, then **Hope Church Midtown**, and finally to the **Manhattan Sikh Center**. We'll stop briefly at each house of worship for prayers and reflections.

Following CDC guidelines we ask all participants to wear a mask, to protect the the health of their fellow New Yorkers. Masks will be available if needed.

To volunteer, please contact Hanadi Doleh at hanadi@interfaithcenter.org.



SHABBAT IN PROSPECT PARK

Friday 9/10/21

6pm-8pm

Join Repair the World NYC
at the Picnic House in
Prospect Park for Shabbat
celebration, interfaith
connection and community.

Co-sponsored by the
Interfaith Center of NY



9/11 Shabbat Service

Celebrating Interfaith Connection and Community
Friday, September 10th, 6 - 8 pm

At the Picnic House in Prospect Park, Brooklyn

[Click Here to Register](#)

New Yorkers of all faiths or none are invited to join Repair the World NYC, the Interfaith Center of New York, and diverse local religious leaders for a Shabbat celebration of interfaith connection and community.

On the evening before the 20th anniversary of 9/11, take this time to pause, commemorate our past, and envision our shared future. Come together with your neighbors, through service and fellowship. We will meet at the Picnic House in Prospect Park, Brooklyn, close to 5th Street and Prospect Park West. ([Click here to find it on Google Maps.](#))

Participants are encouraged to bring baby supplies to donate to Little Essentials, an NYC organization providing urgently needed children's supplies and parenting education to at-risk families living in poverty.



HEALING & REMEMBRANCE

A time of healing and remembrance for those
lost on and affected by September 11th, 2001

Saturday September 11th, 2021 | 8:00^{AM}-2:00^{PM}

More information and registration: salarmy.us/911

The Salvation Army Centennial Memorial Temple
120 West 14th Street, New York, NY 10011



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Healing and Remembrance

For those Lost on and Affected by September 11, 2001
Saturday, September 11th, 8 am - 2 pm

Salvation Army Centennial Memorial Temple, 120 W. 14th Street

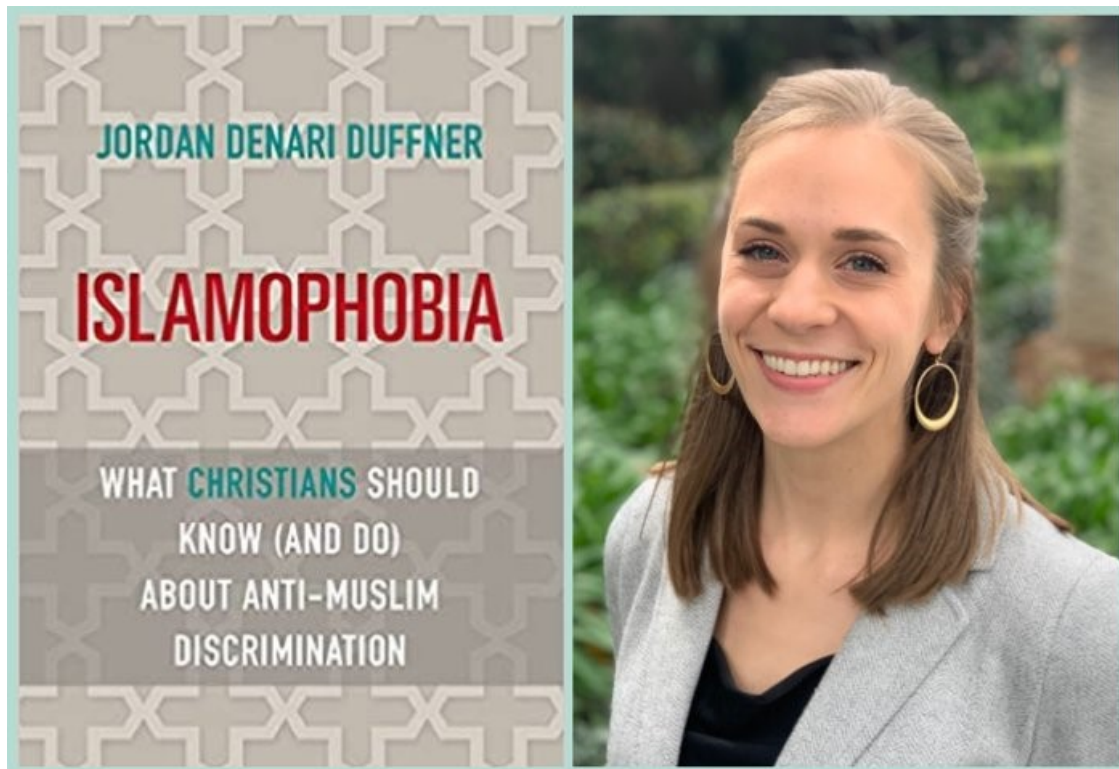
[Click Here to Register](#)

To mark the 20th Anniversary of 9/11, we invite you to a gathering for healing and remembrance. Victims' families, responders, volunteers, impacted residents, and other providers and supporters are welcome. The event is closed to the press.

This will be an opportunity to reflect on the loss and long-term impacts of the terrorist attacks of September 11th, 2001 - with a streaming of the official Reading of the Names from the World Trade Center Memorial at Ground Zero. Support will be offered by emotional and spiritual care providers. Opportunity will be provided to participate in health and wellness activities, as well as artistic and creative projects guided by art therapists. Providers will be on-site with information about current services available to those victim's families, responders, residents, and others impacted.

This event will follow all CDC recommendations and other public health guidelines set forth by New York State and City. Proof of vaccination will be required for entry. Physical vaccine cards, the NY COVID Safe app, and Excelsior Pass will all be accepted with matching photo ID.

FEATURED PROGRAMS AND EVENTS



A Conversation with Jordan Denari Duffner

Islamophobia: What Christians Should Know (and Do) about Anti-Muslim Discrimination

Thursday, September 9, 7:00 - 8:00 pm ET

Online, Free, and Open to All, but Registration is Required

[Click Here to Register](#)

Jordan Denari Duffner's ground-breaking new book argues that Christians should be at the forefront of efforts to end prejudice and discrimination against Muslims, and suggests practical steps for Christians and others to stand in solidarity with their Muslim neighbors. In this online dialogue, cosponsored by ICNY and [Peace Islands Institute New York](#), Ms. Duffner will discuss the book with ICNY's Director of Programs Dr. Henry Goldschmidt, and take questions from the audience.

Ms. Duffner is an author, educator, and scholar of Muslim-Christian relations. She is currently pursuing a PhD in Theological and Religious Studies at Georgetown University, and has served as a Fulbright scholar in Amman, Jordan, and as a research fellow at the Bridge Initiative.

PEACE ISLANDS

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NYC Stands with Haiti - NYC Kanpe Avek Ayiti

How to Donate Cash for Earthquake Relief

[Click Here to Help](#)

Following the devastating August 14 earthquake, the Mayor's Fund to Advance New York City, in partnership with the City of New York, is encouraging New Yorkers to donate cash to a number of relief organizations working with Haitian partners to save lives and rebuild. Click the link above for more information, and to make online donations.



NYC Stands with Afghanistan and Afghan Refugees

How to Help the Afghan People in the Current Crisis

[Click Here to Help](#)

Following the US military withdrawal and rapid Taliban takeover of Afghanistan, a humanitarian crisis is unfolding for the Afghan people at home and abroad. The *New York Times* has assembled a list of credible, effective organizations working to save lives in Afghanistan and resettle Afghan refugees. Click the link above for more information, and to make online donations.

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Featured Speaker and Honoree

Dr. Sarah Sayeed

*Chair and Executive Director
Civic Engagement Commission of New York City*

“Building Trusting Community Relationships”

In conjunction with the 20th anniversary of the Institute for Global Leadership, Dr. Sayeed will be honored with the Life Leadership Service Award by Virginia Swain, Founder and Director

Honoring the Work of Dr. Sarah Sayeed

Building Trusting Community Relationships

Thursday, October 21, 1:00 - 3:00 pm ET

Online and Open to All, with Sliding Scale Registration

[Click Here to Register](#)

Join the Institute for Global Leadership, as they honor ICNY's close friend and colleague Dr. Sarah Sayeed with the Life Leadership Service Award for her significant contributions to the interdisciplinary practice of Reconciliation Leadership.

Dr. Sayeed has worked to build an inclusive public square for two decades. She is currently the Executive Director of the New York City Civic Engagement Commission, and has previously served as a Senior Advisor on Muslim Engagement in the NYC Mayor's Office, board member of Women in Islam, and long-time staff member at ICNY.

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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