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# ICNY

Interfaith Center of New York



## MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

Dear Subscriber,

For almost a quarter century, the Interfaith Center of New York (ICNY) has helped diverse faith leaders combat the stereotypes that threaten the safety of their communities. Just yesterday, we brought together an array of Faith Leaders, Cure-Violence groups, and our NY Senator Chuck Schumer to

[Retreat for Social Justice](#) (see below).

With your support, ICNY works to end acts of violence and misunderstanding that often stem from religious prejudice and racial bias.

**On behalf of our board and staff, I ask that you stand with ICNY once more, before this challenging year comes to a close.**

Please click on the images below to view our [year-end letter](#) and our [annual report](#). I wish to take this opportunity to thank everyone who is represented in that report: our partners, our donors, our program participants, and the countless faith leaders in our ever-growing network. We look forward to ending 2021 strong in your honor.

To make a gift, please click [here](#).

Sincerely yours,



Rev. Dr. Chloe Breyer  
Executive Director



**From 12/1 The 39th Rabbi Marshall Retreat for Social Justice:**

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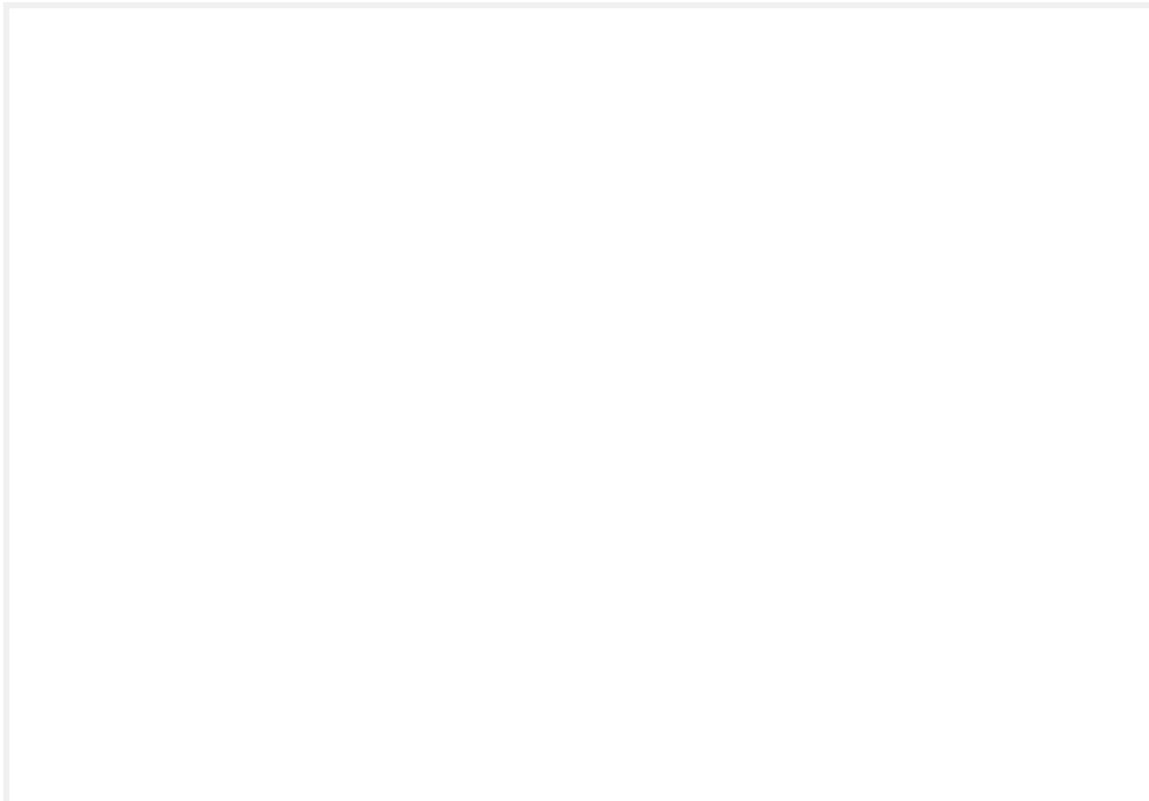


**#EndGunViolence** Thank you to @67ClergyCouncil @ReleaseTheGrip @BronxConnect @SenSchumer @EricaFordNYC @LIFECampInc @GOGM for joining us for yesterday's Amazing retreat New York Faith Communities Respond to Gun Violence @Hdoleh1 @PropheticWhirl



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## ICNY PROGRAMS





**Religious Worlds of New York**  
Teaching the Everyday Life of American Religious Diversity

NEH Summer Institute for K-12 Teachers • July 2022 • Generous Stipend

Past participants say . . . "A tremendous three weeks" . . . "The best professional development I've ever had, and one of the best learning experiences of my life."

Learn more, apply, and find teaching resources at [religiousworldsnyc.org](http://religiousworldsnyc.org).

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 NATIONAL ENDOWMENT FOR THE HUMANITIES

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Summer Institute for K-12 Teachers

## Religious Worlds of New York

July 2022 — Applications Due by March 1

[Click to Learn More and Apply](#)

ICNY is delighted to announce the sixth meeting of our *Religious Worlds of New York* summer institute for teachers. The institute will meet in person from July 11 to 29, 2022, on the campus of Union Theological Seminary, thanks to support from the National Endowment for the Humanities.

The *Religious Worlds* institute helps K-12 teachers teach creatively and effectively about the everyday lives of diverse faith communities. The institute brings teachers from throughout the United States to New York City, where they work with leading scholars of religion, meet with diverse religious leaders, visit local houses of worship, explore the religious life of the city, and develop

thanks to the institute's [careful COVID safety policies](#) and New York City's high vaccination rate.

Past participants call the institute "A tremendous experience that will enrich the teaching that takes place in classrooms across the country for decades to come" and "the kind of work that changes the world" ([click here for many more participant evaluations](#)). Don't miss this unique opportunity to explore the religious worlds of New York!

K-12 teachers at public, private, and faith-based schools are invited to apply. Applications are due by March 1, 2022. For detailed information, please visit <https://religiousworldsnyc.org>.

## ICNY COSPONSORED PROGRAMS

**BUSINESS & PROFESSIONAL WOMEN'S CLUBS - NYC**


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### 3 WAYS TO DONATE

DROP OFF NEW OR GENTLY USED WINTER COATS AND CLOTHING AT:

- Harlem Link Charter School  
21 W. 111th Street Manhattan
- Ascension Parish House  
12 W. 11th Street Manhattan
- CUNY Colin Powell School of Global Leadership  
160 Convent Avenue
- Dar Al Tagwa Islamic Center  
40-20 159th Street, Flushing
- Masjed Hazarti Bakr Siddiqi Mosque  
141-47 33 Avenue Flushing
- Girl Scout House of New Rochelle  
971 North Avenue, New Rochelle
- First Unitarian 50 Monroe Pl. Bklyn.



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**Amazon Wish List**

[https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/5398KJNCU5VU7/ref\\_=wl\\_fv\\_la](https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/5398KJNCU5VU7/ref_=wl_fv_la)



**NOW THRU DECEMBER 4TH**

AfghanWomen@nfbpwc.org  
Ms. Soto 646-644-0300  
Ms. Ahmad 202 866 6189



**AFGHAN FAMILIES WERE EVACUATED WITH LITTLE MORE THAN A SINGLE SMALL BAG. LET'S HELP GIVE THEM SOME PEACE OF MIND AND SHOW THEM JUST HOW KIND AND GIVING WE REALLY ARE**

**Last Chance to Donate Winter Clothing to Afghan Refugees**

December 4th.

[Click here](#) for further details including locations where you can drop **new and clean, gently used coats, hats, scarves, gloves, socks, winter shoes, sweaters and hijab/headscarves**. [There is also a link to an Amazon registry of pre-selected items.](#)

#### **Updated Drop-off locations:**

Harlem Link Charter School- 21 W. 111th Street, Manhattan, NY. Drop-off available till 10am on Friday

Ascension Parish House- 12 W. 11th Street, Manhattan, NY. Drop-off available M-F from 9-5.

CUNY Colin Powell School of Global Leadership- 160 Convent Avenue, Manhattan, NY (NAC building, 24/7 drop-off)

Dar Al Taqwa Islamic Center- 40-20 159th Street, Flushing, NY

Masjed Hazarti Bakr Siqqiqui Mosque- 141-47 33rd Avenue, Flushing, NY. Drop-off available through the backdoor from 12:30-6:30 everyday.

Girl Scouts House of New Rochelle- 971 North Avenue, New Rochelle, NY (24/7 drop-off)

First Unitarian Congregational Society of Brooklyn – M-F, 6-9PM 50 Monroe Place, Brooklyn, NY and Saturday 12/4 10AM-3PM the chapel at First Unitarian, Pierrepont between Clinton St and Monroe Place.

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## **OTHER UPCOMING EVENTS**

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Support New York City's Vodou Community

**Winter Fundraiser for the Centre Culturel, Spirituel et Traditionel**

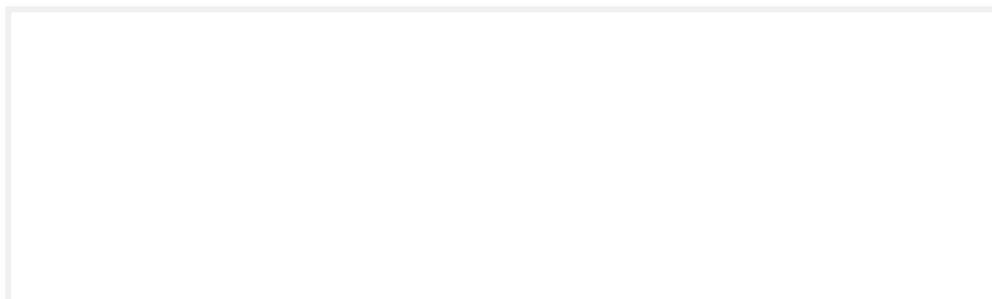
**December 11 and 12**

**Brasserie Creole, 227-12 Linden Boulevard, Cambria Heights, NY 11411**

[Click Here for Tickets](#)

Please join members of New York City's Vodou community, as well as guest speakers and artists – including ICNY's own Dr. Henry Goldschmidt – to support Brooklyn's Centre Culturel, Spirituel, et Traditionel (CCST). The winter fundraiser will be held at Brasserie Creole, in Cambria Heights, Queens. [Click here to find it on Google Maps.](#)

CCST is a Vodou temple and community organization, founded in 2018, that promotes civic engagement, spiritual awareness, cultural literacy, and artistic expression for Haitian-Americans and other New Yorkers. Visit [ccst1.org](http://ccst1.org) to learn more about the organization's work.





**Ministers:  
Serving not  
Saviors**

Join us as Returned Peace Corps Volunteers who also serve as spiritual leaders, or ministers in their communities discuss the complexities of the "Savior complex"- the difference between rescuing and being of Service. Ask questions about service and gain tips to guide you through the application process.

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2021  
2:00 PM EASTERN**

[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER FOR EVENT](#)  
Or visit [www.peacecorps.gov/events](http://www.peacecorps.gov/events)



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If you require reasonable accommodations when attending a Peace Corps event, please contact Carole A. Reid ([creid@peacecorps.gov](mailto:creid@peacecorps.gov)) and provide details of the reasonable accommodation you are requesting.

Faith Leaders Being of Service Abroad

## **Ministers: Serving not Saviors**

**Monday, December 6, 2pm-3pm on Zoom**

[Click Here to Register for Event](#)

See flyer above for a detailed description of the event.

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## Virtual Town Hall

# Look Out and Standup for Each other: Non-Violent Bystander Intervention Training

Sponsored by Senator Liz Krueger and the New York City Commission on Human Rights

Wednesday, December 8, 7pm - 8:15pm on Zoom

[Click Here to Register and Receive Zoom Info](#)

Look out and stand up for your peers! Together let's create a more inclusive and peaceful environment!

Learn what you can do to support other students who are targets of bullying and discrimination. This training is for high school students. Parents and Caregivers are welcome too.

This New York City Commission on Human Rights training for high school students can help you create a safer school community for yourself and your peers. You will get tools and learn strategies to help you respond safely when you see another student being bullied or discriminated against. Students leave these trainings equipped with verbal and behavioral de-escalation strategies to intervene non-violently to disrupt hate speech and hurtful behavior.

The Commission's training was developed in partnership with the Center of Anti-Violence Education NYC. The Virtual Town Hall will feature:

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## Commission on Human Rights

- Shaquan Womack, M.Ed, Racial and Restorative Justice Specialist, New York City Commission on Human Rights

You will have the option of joining the event online through Zoom, a webinar hosting service. You will also have the option to view the event online through Facebook. Please note that you do not need a Facebook account or profile to view the event through Facebook. If you do not have access to a computer, tablet, or other electronic device, you can listen in by telephone. If you are unable to make the event, a recording will be available to view immediately following the event at <http://www.facebook.com/statesenatorlizkrueger> or within a few days at [krueger.nysenate.gov](http://krueger.nysenate.gov).

**\*\*Once you register for the event, you will receive a confirmation email with the Zoom and Facebook links, and the call-in information.\*\***

The event will feature a question and answer session with Chris Smith and Shaquan Womack. If you want to learn why people are targeted for discrimination and bullying as well as the best strategies to respond safely, you should attend the December 8th Town Hall. Attendees will be able to submit questions through Zoom and Facebook during the event but are strongly encouraged to submit them in advance.

Please let us know if you plan to attend the Wednesday Virtual Town Hall by registering at <https://tinyurl.com/teen-bystander-training>.

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## THE INDIE COLLABORATIVE AN INTERFAITH HOLIDAY CELEBRATION IN WORDS AND MUSIC

Emmy, Grammy, and Top-Charting Billboard independent artists from all over the country salute  
**KWANZAA! HANUKKAH! CHRISTMAS! NEW YEARS!**

Fun for the whole family music, from Classical to Children's to Spoken Word; Roots to Broadway to Jazz and everything In-between. You don't want to miss this evening!



**Featuring:**  
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**The Bruno Walter Auditorium at Lincoln Center**  
Enter by 111 Amsterdam Avenue between 64th-65th Streets  
December 8, 2021 at 7 PM

**Get your tickets NOW at:**  
<https://www.indiecollaborative.com/event19>




### Interfaith Holiday Celebration

## The Indie Collaborative at Lincoln Center: An Interfaith Holiday Celebration in Words and Music

Wednesday, December 8, 7pm - 8:30pm

The Bruno Walter Auditorium at Lincoln Center, 111 Amsterdam Ave.

[Click Here for Tickets](#)

The Indie Collaborative is hosting an "all-faiths" holiday show at the Bruno Walter Auditorium at Lincoln Center. This show will feature award-winning (Emmy, Grammy, Top-Charting Billboard) Indie Collaborative artists from a variety of genres: classical, jazz, pop, blues, musical theater, hip-hop, gospel, roots, children's, world music, spoken word, and more! (The Indie Collaborative is an international group of professionals in music and the arts, who build lasting friendships as they create new and unique artistic collaborations. ) This show is meant for all ages and all faiths, to come together and celebrate the diversity of holidays of the season. You can find more information about the Indie Collaborative at <https://www.indiecollaborative.com/>.

NOTE: The venue requires all ticket holders to show proof of a COVID-19 vaccination with their photo ID, in order to enter the theater. Masks must be worn over mouth and nose in all parts of the building, including the theater throughout the performance.

MY FAITH/  
YOUR FAITH

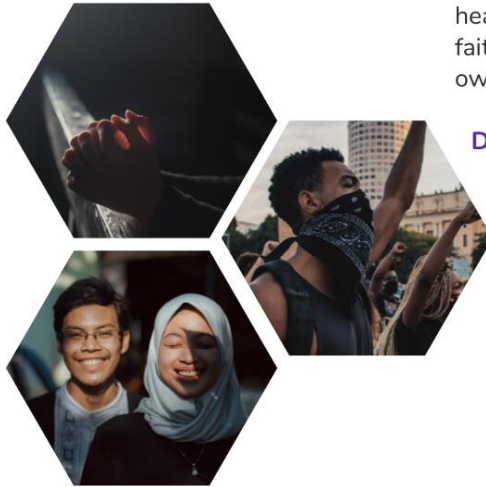
An interfaith program  
for NYC teens

## FAITH AND SOCIAL JUSTICE

How does faith call on us to build  
a better world?

Join us for a panel discussion to  
hear from activists from different  
faith backgrounds and share your  
own thoughts!

December 19, 2021 | 1 to 3 PM,  
Zoom Link Provided to  
Registrants



For more information, please contact  
**Ruben** ([rubenbrosbe@gmail.com](mailto:rubenbrosbe@gmail.com))  
or  
Visit [www.tinyurl.com/mfyf1219](http://www.tinyurl.com/mfyf1219)

Interfaith Program for NYC Teens

**My Faith/Your Faith: Faith and Social Justice Panel**

[Click Here to Register for Event](#)

How does faith call on us to build a better world?

Join us for a panel discussion to hear from activists from different faith backgrounds and share your own thoughts!

My Faith / Your Faith is open to teens in grades 8 - 12 from diverse faith communities in the New York City area. The program runs from October to May including a culminating celebration. The goals of the program are:

- Encouraging religious understanding through dialogue, learning and experiential programming.
- Building friendship and understanding among the involved communities across lines of religious difference.
- Experiencing each other's faiths as they are lived in community.
- Participating in service learning as a shared experience and exploring ways to put faith into action.

If you have questions or need any more information please e-mail Program Director Ruben Brosbe at [rubenbrosbe@gmail.com](mailto:rubenbrosbe@gmail.com).

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# RESPONDING TO DOMESTIC VIOLENCE IN COMMUNITIES OF FAITH



## 2- Day Training for Religious Leaders, Spiritual Activists and People of Faith

January 25 & January 27, 2021  
10AM-12PM & 2-4PM  
Via Zoom

*Facilitated by: Former CONNECT Co-Executive Director Rev. Dr. Sally MacNicol and CONNECT Community Educator Danielle Williams-Thiam, M.Div.*



This course is designed to help religious leaders, spiritual activists, and all people of Faith to:

- Gain a basic understanding of the complex dynamics of intimate partner abuse and its effects on individuals, families and communities
- Learn about intervention strategies: practices and resources needed to help keep victim/survivors safe, and abusers accountable
- Explore approaches to the challenging pastoral, theological and spiritual issues that abuse and violence in the family raise
- Develop strategies for how you and your community of faith can play a critical role in breaking the silence and preventing domestic violence

**All are welcome!**  
**Registration Fee: \$50**

**REGISTER TODAY: [bit.ly/DVinFaith](https://bit.ly/DVinFaith)**

Training for Religious Leader, Spiritual Activists and People of Faith

**Responding to Domestic Violence in Communities of Faith**

January 25th and 27th 2022 — 10am-12pm and 2pm-4pm each day

[Click Here to Register for Event](#)

Facilitated by: Former CONNECT Co-Executive Director Rev. Dr. Sally MacNicol, CONNECT Community Educator Danielle Williams-Thiam, M.Div.

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