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MONTHLY NEWSLETTER



Members of the National Federation of Business and Professional Women's Clubs-New York packing boxes of donated winter clothing for Afghan refugees

Dear Friends,

Happy New Year. To kick off 2022, we have good news to share.

ICNY recently joined the [National Federation of Business and Professional Women's Clubs](#) in a clothing drive for 11,000 Afghan refugees temporarily housed in New

Jersey. Thanks to the [International Buddhist Progress Society](#) and the [Congregation of Grace Church, Ossining](#), we raised over \$12,000. In addition we gathered:

500+ coats

300+ pairs of socks

100+ pairs of winter boots and 3 large boxes of children's shoes

200+ winter hats

200+ pairs of winter gloves

2,500 head coverings

9 extra-large boxes of clothes from essentials to business suits

Thanks to all of you who contributed to the winter clothing drive. In Particular to our interfaith partners [New York Board of Rabbis](#), [Grace Church, Ossining](#), [Sadhana: Coalition of Progressive Hindus](#), [First Universalist Congregational Society](#), [Dar Al Taqwa Islamic Center](#), [Church of the Ascension](#), [the Girls Scout House of New Rochelle](#), [the Muslim Officers Association of the NYPD](#), and [Harlem Link Charter School](#).

Thank you, too, to those who made a gift to the Interfaith Center of New York's year-end appeal. We are proud to have your support as we head into 2022. If you did not take part in the year-end appeal or the drive, [I hope you will consider a gift](#).

As a final note, we celebrate the life of [Archbishop Desmond Tutu](#), Archbishop of Southern Africa, a leader in the Anti-Apartheid Movement, winner of the 1984 Nobel Peace Prize, and Co-Chair of the South African Truth and Reconciliation Commission. In addition, Archbishop Tutu was one of the early recipients of the James Parks Morton Interfaith Award in 2003 and someone who exemplified the award's ideals with an "outstanding commitment to promoting human development and peace -- values shared by the world's great religious traditions." May he Rest in Peace.

I wish you a very happy and safe start to the year.

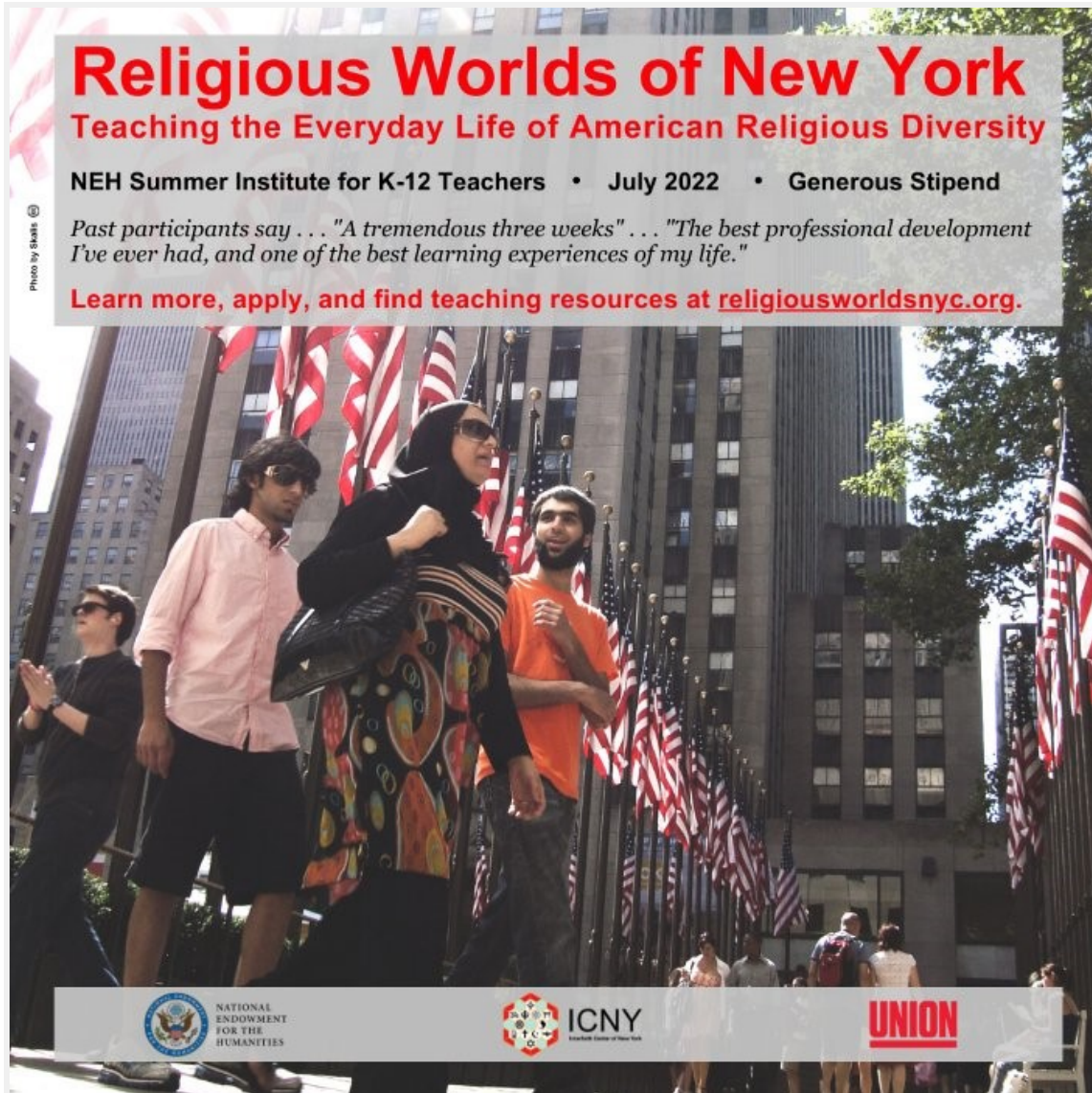
Sincerely yours,



REV. DR. CHLOÉ DREYER

Executive Director

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.

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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 next *Religious Worlds of New York* summer institute, an intensive three-week program for K-12 teachers supported by the National Endowment for the Humanities.

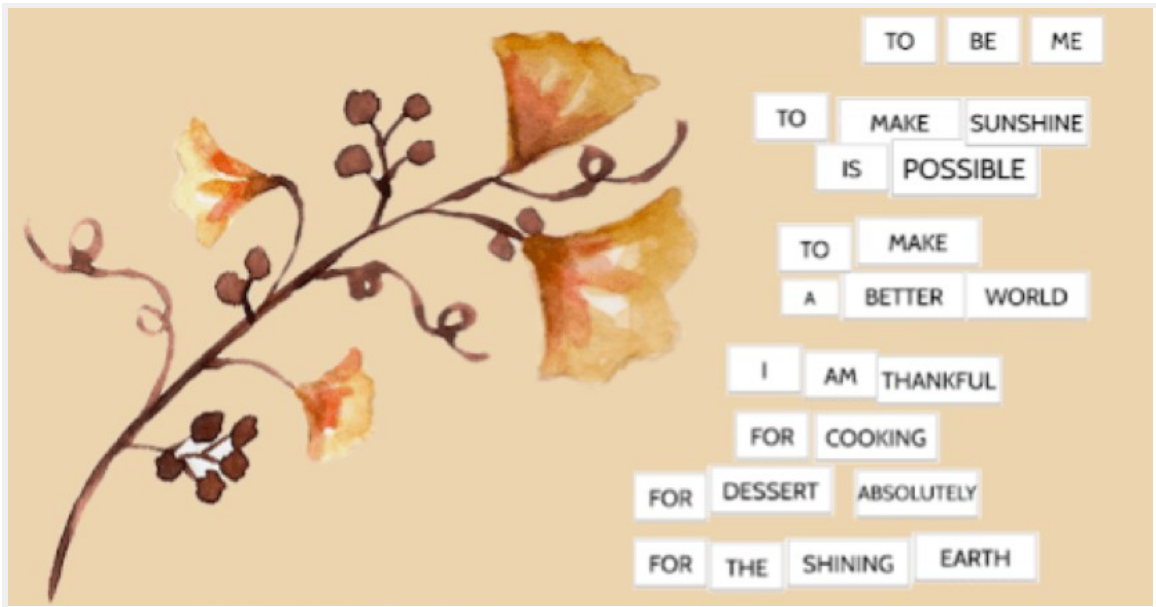
The *Religious Worlds* institute helps K-12 teachers teach creatively and effectively about the everyday lives of diverse faith communities. The institute brings teachers from throughout the United States to New York City, where they work with leading scholars of religion, meet with diverse religious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

The institute will meet in person from July 11 to 29, on the campus of Union Theological Seminary. We are confident we can meet in person safely, 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



Save the Date

Poetry for the Soul: Sharing Words of Solace and Joy across Faiths and Continents

Thursday, February 3rd: 12:00 - 2:00 pm ET

ICNY is celebrating [World Interfaith Harmony Week](#) by joining our friends at [Interfaith Glasgow](#) and the [Cape Town Interfaith Initiative](#) to share and reflect on our favorite poems from diverse faith traditions. The program will feature poetry readings by people of faith in the US, Scotland, and South Africa, as well as small group dialogues for participants to share their own favorite poems with neighbors near and far.

Detailed information and registration coming soon. Meanwhile, please save the date and email info@interfaithcenter.org with any questions.



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Hochul**

**Assemblyman
Hevesi**

Senator Bailey

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Advocacy Win for Criminal Justice Reform

Governor Hochul Signs Measure Raising Minimum Age of Juvenile Delinquency

Governor Hochul signed into law ground-breaking legislation to end the arrest and prosecution of children as young as 7 as juvenile delinquents for almost all offenses and create an alternative response of community-based supports. The result of years of advocacy led by young people, defenders, community-based service providers and advocates. **ICNY** has been lucky enough to have been involved in this initiative and to see this measure be signed into law.

We applaud Governor Hochul, and the bill's sponsors Assemblyman Andrew Hevesi and Senator Jamaal Bailey, for their leadership and tireless commitment to New York's children. This legislation recognizes that criminalizing young children is counter-productive; it runs contrary to scientific research and the recommendations of leading pediatric experts, penalizes children who are more likely to have mental health issues, and increases the risk of involvement in the adult justice system later in life. Today, New York opens a new chapter.

OTHER UPCOMING EVENTS

TO LOOK LIKE *Jesus*

A Call to the Church
and the Nation

Episcopal Bishop Michael Curry and Others to Host Epiphany Service

To Look Like Jesus: A Call to the Church and the Nation

Thursday, January 6th, at 12:00 pm ET

[Join Livestream](#)

Please Join Episcopal Church Presiding Bishop Michael Curry, Washington Bishop Mariann Edgar Budde, and a diverse community of leaders and artists for a livestreamed Epiphany service from the Church of the Epiphany in Washington, D.C.

During a bilingual worship service featuring diverse [voices from across the church](#), Bishop Curry will invite Episcopalians to commit afresh to [looking, acting, and loving like Jesus](#)—in our communities and in our nation. Later that day, Bishop Curry will also offer a videotaped address to the nation.

RESPONDING TO DOMESTIC VIOLENCE IN COMMUNITIES OF FAITH



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

***Tuesday, January 25 & Thursday, 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.**

Domestic Violence and Faith Communities

Responding to Domestic Violence in Communities of Faith

January 25th and 27th, 10:00 am - 12:00 pm and 2:00 - 4:00 pm each day

[Click Here to Register for Event](#)

Please join CONNECT for a free two-day training 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 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

There is no fee for this training.

MINDFULNESS-BASED STRESS REDUCTION (MBSR) FOR CLINICIANS

COURSE INSTRUCTORS

 **Craig Sloane**

 **Dh. Ananta**

Orientation: Jan. 20 or 27, 2 - 3 pm ET

Course: Thursdays, 2 - 4:30 pm ET
Feb. 3 - April 7, 2022

Retreat: Saturday, March 12, 9 am - 4 pm

Cost: Standard: \$950, Early Bird: \$850
Reduced rate available for students, PSI affiliates, & clinicians serving in institutional settings

Resource for Mental Health Clinicians

Mindfulness-Based Stress Reduction (MBSR) for Clinicians

Sponsored by the Psychotherapy and Spirituality Institute

Orientation : January 20th or 27th, 2:00-3:00 pm ET

[Click Here to Register](#)

This 10-week, online MBSR course will teach participants to relate to stress and suffering with more ease, as well as to cultivate resilience and emotional intelligence for themselves and clients served in clinical settings.

30 CECs available to NYSED certified LMSWs, LCSWs, LMFTs, LMHCs and LCATs, as well as clergy, chaplains, and others working in the mental health field

This program will be led by: **Craig Sloane** a psychotherapist in private practice in NYC and a qualified MBSR teacher through Brown University. Craig specializes in working with developmental trauma, addiction recovery, harm reduction psychotherapy, sexuality and life transitions. In addition to teaching MBSR Craig has facilitated community based mindfulness programs and corporate workplace mindfulness workshops.

Dharmachari Ananta is a certified Mindfulness teacher through Brown University and ordained Buddhist within the Triratna tradition. He has taught meditation and dharma for over fifteen years, is a guide and mentor to people training for ordination in his tradition, and has cumulatively spent three years on retreat. He recently taught mindfulness to underserved communities as a 2020 fellow in ICNY's [Interfaith Civic Leadership Academy](#)

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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