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MONTHLY NEWSLETTER



(From left to right) Imam Kaba, Bronx Borough President Vanessa Gibson, Lt Jospheh Abdelmessih, Rabbi Joseph Potashnik, Rev. Dr. Chloe Breyer and ICLA Fellow Det. Mohammed Amen at "Faith Leaders Supporting One Another: A Conversation with the Gambian Community of NYC" This event organized by ICNY's new Racial Justice Fellow, Mouhamed Kaba and in partnership with the Muslim Officers Association of the NYPD, NY Speaks and NYBR. It took place at Masjid Ar-Rahama in the Bronx where many of the families impacted by the Bronx fire on January 6, 2022 attend. Between the four organizing sponsors we raised 2,600 for Iftar food and preparation for the community in the final week of Ramadan.

Dear Friends,

New Yorkers remain negatively affected by the devastating June 9th Bronx Fire, which led ICNY to host an event entitled **"Faith Leaders supporting One Another: A Conversation with the Gambian Community of NYC"**. Held at the Masjid Ar Rahman, the mosque where many tenants worship, the event offered diverse faith leaders the opportunity to hear directly from the community directly impacted by the fire.

At the event, faith leaders learned that, of the 120 families impacted, over 50 are *still* living in hotels, which means so many are without access to a kitchen during the holy month of Ramadan, which ends today.

While some families are housed, including some of whom are back in their apartments, many survivors voiced concerns about the following: children without afterschool activities, an increase in asthma symptoms as triggered by leftover smoke, and hotels threatening to put them on the street.

Attending the event was Vanessa Gibson, Bronx Borough President and Pastor Gil Monroe from the Mayor's Center for Faith-Based and Community Partnership. They outlined the city's challenges in trying to keep the large families together, for example, and who promised to keep working with them.

In addition to providing a venue for the community to be heard, ICNY and our partners including the New York Board of Rabbis, The Church of the Heavenly Rest, the Muslim Officers Association of the NYPD, and other individuals raised a combined \$2,600 to help the community cover Iftar dinners during in the final week of Ramadan. To continue to support this community, [click here](#).

This event could not have happened without our new **Racial Justice Advocacy Fellow, Mouhammed Kaba**, who started at ICNY in March. Mouhamad is the son of Black Immigrants from the Ivory Coast and Guinea of West-Africa. He is a Deferred Action for Early Childhood Arrival (DACA) recipient and a proud Muslim New Yorker. Mouhamed is a proud alumnus of CUNY—Herbert H. Lehman College and New York University Robert F. Wagner Graduate School of Public Service (NYU Wagner). He is also the Founder and Executive Director of the Aissetou Cisse Scholarship Fund (ACSF) at Lehman College. The scholarship supports the urgent needs of students who are undocumented or Deferred Action for Childhood Arrival (DACA) and Temporary Protected Status (TPS) recipients. The fund financed their academic needs like tuition, school debt, fees, books, school supplies including laptop, notebooks, etc. as well as non-academic needs such as housing, childcare, and food.

Learn more about Mouhamed and check out [ICNY's brand new website here](#). You can see our events and news section here <https://interfaithcenter.org/latest-news/>.

Founded in 1997, ICNY has been serving diverse faith leaders and the City of New York for twenty-five years! You can show your support for our work to strengthen the civic fabric of the city we love, by reserving your tables and tickets to the [Interfaith Center of New York's 25th Anniversary James Parks Morton Interfaith Award](#) dinner at the Tribeca Rooftop on June 20th, 2022 by [clicking here](#). The event will be IN-PERSON. Stay tuned to find out who our Honorees will be this year!

Sincerely,



REV. DR. CHLOE DREYER
Executive Director



25 Years of ICNY

**JAMES PARKS
MORTON
INTERFAITH
AWARDS**

Monday, June 20, 2022
TRIBECA ROOFTOP | interfaithcenter.org/gala

The poster features a central hexagonal logo with various religious symbols including the Om symbol, a cross, a crescent moon, a Star of David, a Yin-Yang symbol, a Khanda, a Wheel, a Hand, and a Star. The background is a red silhouette of the New York City skyline, including the Statue of Liberty and the Brooklyn Bridge.

ICNY EVENTS



New York City Faith Leaders' Conversation on the Mayor's

Public Safety Blueprint

SPEAKERS INCLUDE:

- Keechant Sewell, Police Commissioner of the City of New York
- Elizabeth Glazer, Founder of Vital City
- Julio Medina, Founder & Executive Director of Exodus Transitional Community
- Rev. A.R. Bernard, Founding Pastor of the Christian Cultural Center (CCC)
- Rev. Fred Davie, Union Theological Seminary
- Rabbi Joseph Potasnik, NYBR
- Rev. Dr. Chloe Breyer, ICNY

DATE:

Thursday, May 19, 2022

TIME:

10:00 – 11:30 AM

WHERE:

**St. Paul's Chapel
Trinity Church Wall Street
209 Broadway, New York, NY 10007**

This community forum will include participants from inside and outside the Administration. Following an opening presentation about the Mayor's Public Safety Plan from NYPD Commissioner Keechant Sewell, a diverse group of panelists will respond with their own views about the strengths and weaknesses of the mayor's program in the early stages of implementation. [Register here!](#)

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NYC Public Safety

New York City Faith Leader's Conversation on the Mayor's Public Safety Blueprint

Thursday, May 19th : 10:00 - 11:30 am EST

[Click Here to Register](#)

We would like to invite you to join us for the **“New York City Faith Leaders’ Conversation on the Mayor’s Public Safety Blueprint”**. This community forum will include participants from inside and outside the Administration. Following an opening presentation about the Mayor’s Public Safety Plan from NYPD Commissioner Keechant Sewell, a diverse group of panelists will respond with their own views about the strengths and weaknesses of the mayor’s program in the early stages of implementation.

Please contact Mouhamed Kaba at mouhamed@interfaithcenter.org with any questions about the forum or the registration process.



NYC Maternal Health Summit

Addressing Maternal Mortality and Maternal Morbidity in New York

Tuesday, May 17th : 12:00 - 2:00 pm EST

Metropolitan Health Center: 1901 First Avenue (@ 97th Street), New York, NY 10029, Conference Room 1B35

[Click Here to RSVP](#)

We would like to invite you to join us for the **“Maternal Health Summit: Addressing Maternal Mortality and Maternal Morbidity in New York”**, being presented by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services and New York City Health + Hospitals, The Mayor's Office of Faith-Based and Community Partnerships, and The Interfaith Center of New York.

Speakers will include:

Wendy Wilcox, MD, MPH, MBA, FACOG Chief Women's Health Officer, New York City Health + Hospitals

Dr. Que English, Director of the Center for Faith-Based and Neighborhood Partnerships of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services

Dr. Dara Kass, Regional Director, Region II, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services

EVENTS FROM OUR ICCLA FELLOWS



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In Partnership With The Interfaith Center Of New York's
Interfaith Civic Leadership Academy (ICLA) Fellows Program

LET'S FIGHT CLIMATE CHANGE & COEXIST TOGETHER

INTERFAITH FIGHT FOR A GREEN NEW DEAL AT THE UNITED NATIONS

Sign Up At: bit.ly/Fight4GND

**NY Is Considered To Be One Of The Most Diverse Places In The World
& Is Home To The United Nations Headquarters**

**Join Us Alongside Interfaith & Environmental Organizations In Helping
Bring Recognition To The Green New Deal At The UN**

Where: United Nations Plaza, East 47th Street, New York, NY 10017

When: Sunday, May 22nd, 2022 From 2pm to 5pm



Climate Change Advocacy

Interfaith Fight for a Green New Deal at the United Nations

Sunday, May 22nd : 2:00 - 5:00 pm EST

United Nations Plaza on East 47th Street, New York, NY 10017

[Click Here to Sign Up](https://bit.ly/Fight4GND)

Join Interfaith and environmental organizations to address climate change to the United Nations in support of the Green New Deal. The event will be joined by the Sunrise Movement, Muslims for Progress, MPower Action and Jews for Racial and Economic Justice.



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TRUE 2 LIFE PRESENTS

Voices from the Concrete

**ANTI GUN VIOLENCE FORUM &
ARTISTIC EXPRESSION SHOWCASE**

Date: June 3rd, 2022

Time: 5:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

**Location: Central Family Life Center
59 Wright Street SI NY 10304**

*Moderator: Rev. Dr. Demetrius S Carolina -
Executive Director*

Panelist:

1. *Mike Perry- Program Manager True 2 Life*
2. *Malcom Penn- Program Supervisor True 2 Life*
3. *Nayondeli Negron-Violence Interupter supervisor True 2 Life*
4. *Dr. Charmine Z Dodd, Psy. D*
5. *Medical representative from SIUH*
6. *Ranti Ogunleye, Initiatives Manager, Office of Neighborhood Safety , Mayor's Office of Criminal Justice*



Please Scan Code To
Register For the Event



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Anti-Gun Violence Forum and Artistic Expression Showcase

Voices from the Concrete

Friday, June 3rd : 5:00 - 8:00 pm EST

Central Family Life Center: 59 Wright Street, Staten Island, NY 10304

[Click Here to submit your registration via Email](#)

This will be a two-part event with a community forum and artistic showcase for the Stapleton neighborhood of Staten Island, highlighting the importance of the local “Cure Violence” anti-gun violence program. Young people will be encouraged to express themselves artistically on issues that affect their community.

UPCOMING EVENTS



**NATIONAL TEACHERS DAY PANEL
RESTORATIVE PRACTICES, CONFLICT
RESOLUTION, & PEER MEDIATION IN EDUCATION**

WITH FRANCISCO GARCÍA-QUEZADA, SARAH DAYKIN, AND LOREN WEYBRIGHT

MAY 3, 6PM
VIA ZOOM

FREE AND DONATIONS
ARE APPRECIATED:
crc-global.org/donate

Register at
bit.ly/3jtiDf3



National Teacher's Day Panel

**Restorative Practices, Conflict Resolution and Peer
Mediation in Education**

Tuesday, May 3rd : 6:00 pm EST on Zoom

[Click Here to Register for Event](#)

Teachers go above and beyond for their students and while educators are not always sufficiently recognized, they make enormous contributions in the lives of millions and the overall functioning of society.

We celebrate teachers and for National Teacher's Day CRC (Creative Response to Conflict) is highlighting the ways educators support their students to empathize and resolve conflict, repair harm and become peacemakers in their communities. Come hear from Francisco García-Quezada, Sarah Daykin, and Loren Weybright speak about how they've integrated CRC's Conflict Resolution Education principles into music education settings, High School, & Higher Education - including teacher training in Southeast Asia.

SPRING ONLINE INTERFAITH SERIES

This series is a project provided by the hard work and dedication of an intimate interfaith group based on Manhattan's Upper West Side.

Our mission is to practice speaking about our faith and acting as treasure hunters when listening to the faith journeys of others. We are committed to curiosity, respect, and love - understanding that we are all one and that our differences are our strength.

*We invite you to join us in this 3-part series that serves to scratch the surface of this ancient tradition of interfaith, centering questions and exploring many truths that remind us:
Unity is achieved through diversity.*

RSVP FOR ZOOM LINK:

<https://forms.gle/RNsUBSnAJMahhd2L8>

May 5th, 2022 (6-7:30PM EST)

Panel Discussion with Interfaith Leaders

May 12th, 2022 (6-7:30PM EST)

Intimate Gathering for Deeper Questions

May 19th, 2022 (6-7:30PM EST)

Interfaith Personal Narrative Workshop



For more information email
Santana at evangelism@smstchurch.org



Interfaith Workshop Series

Spring Online Interfaith Series

Tuesday, May 5th : 6:00 - 7:30 pm EST on Zoom (Panel Discussion with Interfaith Leaders

Tuesday, May 12th : 6:00 - 7:30 pm EST on Zoom (Intimate Gathering for Deeper Questions)

Tuesday, May 19th : 6:00 - 7:30 pm EST on Zoom (Interfaith Personal Narrative Workshop)

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For more information email Santana at evangelism@smtchurch.org

THE CENTRAL FAMILY LIFE CENTER
& TRUE 2 LIFE PRESENTS

*A Mothers Day Pop UP
Shop & Resource Event*

Brunch will be served
Giveaways Will Be Available

Date: May 7th, 2022
Location: 59 Wright Street, Staten Island, 10304
Time: 12:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

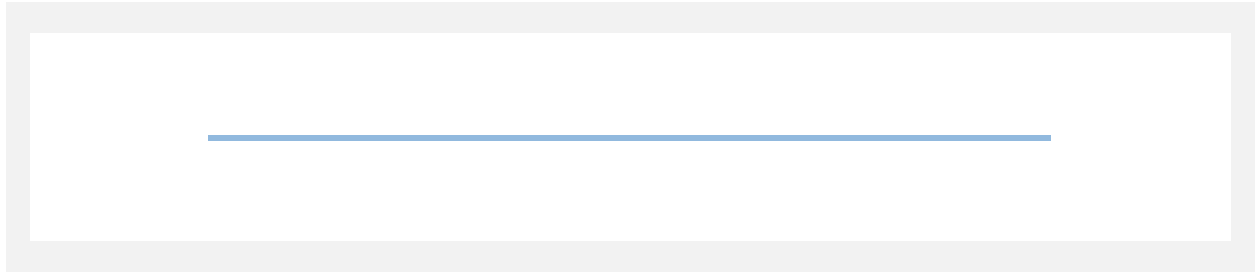
Community Resource Event

Mother's Day Pop-Up and Resource Fair

Saturday, May 7th : 12:00 - 3:00 pm EST

59 Wright Street., Staten Island, NY 10304

The Central Family Center and True 2 Life are hosting this free community event for mothers and those shopping for moms to enjoy and peruse. All vendors who will be at the event are led by small business owners, with Brunch being served by a local business. The fair will also be providing resources for accessing health insurance information, various health screenings, and a range of preventive health resources, along with a giveaway.





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**CENTRAL FAMILY LIFE CENTER &
TRUE 2 LIFE PRESENTS**



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Location: Tappen Park
Bay St, Staten Island, NY 10304
Date: May 14th, 2022
Time: 12:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Food, Resources and Non-perishable food
will be available

**PLEASE SCAN THE QRS CODE IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS
OR WOULD LIKE TO REGISTER TO TABLE THE EVENT**



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Community Resource Event

Springtacular

Saturday, May 14th : 12:00 - 4:00 pm EST

Tappen Park - Bay Street, Staten Island, NY 10304

[Click Here to ask questions or register to table the event](#)

This annual Springtacular event from the Central Family Life Center and True 2 Life will include free food, community partner resources including guidance for accessing health insurance information, various health screenings, and a range of preventive health resources, along with a giveaway.



Climate Justice Advocacy

A Moral Call for Peace and Climate Justice

Sunday, May 22nd : 5:00 - 6:30 pm EST

Marble Collegiate Church: 1, West 29th Strret, New York, NY 10001

[Click Here to Register](#)

In this moment of converging crises – climate disasters unfolding across the world, and threats to peace and security in Ukraine – we are joining together across faith traditions urge our leaders to pursue peace, good jobs, justice, and a rapid transition to clean energy for all.

Join us for an interfaith event on May 22 at 5pm at Marble Collegiate Church in NYC as we rise up with one voice to urge our leaders to have the courage to meet this moment with actions that science and justice demand.

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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