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MONTHLY NEWSLETTER



Graduation of 2022 Interfaith Civic Leadership Academy Cohort (6/29/2022)

Dear Friend,

One of the highlights of ICNY's 25th Anniversary celebration last week was civil rights activist and author [Ruby Bridges' acceptance speech](#) when she received her James Parks Morton Interfaith Award. Ms. Bridges reflected on her parents' decision to allow her to integrate the all-white [William Frantz Elementary School](#) in Louisiana in 1959. She also spoke about the life-long importance of her own faith, and her hopes for the future. Her remarks can be found on our [YouTube page](#). See below/here for additional photographs of an extraordinary evening.

We are so very grateful to all of you who came out and supported ICNY's Gala last week. We could not do our work without you. For more pictures from the Gala, [click here](#).

On June 29th, ICNY graduated our third cohort of [Interfaith Civic Leadership Academy fellows](#), whose final projects ranged from supporting survivors and victims' of the Twin Parks Fire in the Bronx, to a community art exhibit highlighting anti-gun violence work on Staten Island. All fourteen fellows gained civic engagement tools, grassroots organizing skills, and a better understanding of city and state government. City Council Member [Shahana Hanif](#) (District 39), the first Muslim woman elected to City Council, offered a keynote address, reflecting on the role her faith plays in her life, as well as on the importance of civic engagement for diverse faith communities. Each fellow received a commendation from Mayor Eric Adams.

We are also looking forward to working with our fourth cohort of ICLA fellows in the coming year. Applications for the 2022-2023 Interfaith Civic Leadership Academy will be available soon. If you or a member of your community would like to apply, please email ICNY Director of Community Partnerships Hanadi Doleh at hanadi@interfaithcenter.org.

This coming month, ICNY is delighted to welcome a new group of public, private, and faith based school teachers from around United States, to explore the rich religious diversity of the city in the sixth *Religious Worlds of New York summer institute*. The institute will meet from July 11 to 29, on the campus of Union Theological Seminary, thanks to support from the National Endowment for the Humanities. Learn more about it below.

This week has been a challenging one for our city and country, and as the July 4th holiday approaches, we offer thanks from our diverse faith traditions and secular perspectives for the shared values of freedom and equality, and for the "internal vigilance" required to protect them.

Sincerely,



REV. DR. CHLOÉ DREYER
Executive Director



(From left to right; photo ©Carolina Kroon) The Rev. Dr. Chloe Breyer, Honoree Amed Khan, ICNY Board Member Ruth Messinger

ICNY PROGRAMS



Interfaith Vigil in response to the crisis on Rikers Island

Date: Thursday, July 7th, 2022

Time: 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM

Place: City Hall Park

Join the Interfaith Center of New York (ICNY), diverse faith leaders, and Campaign to Close Rikers, for an Interfaith Vigil responding to the crisis on Rikers Island. This interfaith vigil will engage and educate New Yorkers about the human rights abuses on Rikers Island and call on Mayor Adams to act swiftly to address this untenable situation.

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NEXTSTEP
COMMUNITY CHURCH

Interfaith Vigil - Jail Reform

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Past Summer Scholars Visiting the Hindu Temple Society of North America

Summer Institute for K-12 Teachers

Religious Worlds of New York

July 11-29

ICNY is delighted to welcome a new group of teachers from throughout the United States, to explore the rich religious diversity of the city in our sixth *Religious Worlds of New York* summer institute. The institute will meet in person from July 11 to 29, 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 religious diversity. Participants work with leading scholars of religion, meet with diverse religious leaders, visit local houses of worship, and develop their own curriculum projects. This summer we will be joined by 25 teachers from public, private, and faith-based schools in New York, New Jersey, California, Florida, Illinois, Massachusetts, Maine, North Carolina, Ohio, Rhode Island, Virginia, Washington, and

Wisconsin. [Click here to read more about our fantastic summer scholars](#), and please join us in welcoming them to New York City!

ICNY EVENTS



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RACE, RELIGION, and the LAW

The Role of Attorneys in Combating Hate Crimes

DATE

Wednesday, June 8, 2022

TIME

8:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.

LOCATION

New York Law School
Events Center, Second Floor
185 West Broadway
New York, NY 10013

CLE

1.5 credits in Professional Practice (NY transitional and nontransitional) and 1.5 credits in Diversity, Inclusion, and Elimination of Bias (NY nontransitional)

COST

Free of Charge

MORE INFORMATION and to RSVP

www.nyls.edu/RaceReligionLaw

New York City is witnessing a sharp increase in hate crimes against racial and religious minorities. Along with government agencies and community organizations, attorneys are working to combat this troubling trend. This CLE program will help attorneys understand the social and political forces that have led to the recent rise in hate crimes, as well as a range of legal, advocacy, and policy initiatives to combat hate crimes, including approaches drawing on restorative justice principles.

Panel discussions will explore governmental and community-based responses to hate crimes, and speakers will include legal scholars, attorneys, civic officials, advocates, and community leaders. The program will feature keynote remarks by **Judge Gary S. Katzmann**, Judge of the U.S. Court of International Trade, in honor of the late Judge Robert A. Katzmann, former Chief Judge of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit.

Event Recap

Race, Religion, and the Law: The Role of Attorneys in Combating Hate Crimes

New York City is currently witnessing a sharp increase in hate crimes against racial and religious minorities, including Asian-Americans, African-Americans, Jews, Muslims, Sikhs, and others. Along with government agencies and community organizations, attorneys are working to combat this troubling trend. This continuing legal education program helped attorneys understand the social and political forces that have led to the recent rise in hate crimes, as well as a range of legal, advocacy, and policy initiatives to combat hate crimes, including approaches drawing on restorative justice principles.

Speakers included legal scholars, attorneys, civic officials, advocates, and community leaders. Panel discussions explored governmental and community-based responses to hate crimes. The program also featured keynote remarks by Judge Gary S. Katzmann, in memory of his brother Hon. Robert A. Katzmann, former chief judge of the Second Circuit U.S. Court of Appeals.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Save
-the-
Date



Celebrate Love:
A (Re)Wedding

♥ 07-10-22 ♥

Ceremony at
Damrosch Park

Reception at
The Oasis

LincolnCenter.org/Love

Interfaith Celebration of Love

Celebrate Love: A (Re)Wedding

Sunday, July 10th: 5:30 pm EST

Lincoln Center Campus: Ceremony at Damrosch Park with reception to follow at The Oasis on Josie Robertson Plaza

Weddings are one of our great community rituals. They remind us of our commitments to each other and the undeniable power of love. After two years of having our collective rituals diminished by the pandemic, Lincoln Center invites you to celebrate love once again. This is a special day for newlyweds, those whose weddings were canceled or diminished, and people who want to recommit their love to their partners and the city we love. Participants are welcome to bring up to two guests.

Sunday, July 10 for "Celebrate Love: A (Re)Wedding" at Lincoln Center: a memorable group celebration including a symbolic, multicultural ceremony in Damrosch Park, complete with words of inspiration from Reverend Dr. Jacqui Lewis, Imam Khalid Latif, and Rabbi Matt Green and live musical performances by Mario Cantone, Jerry Dixon, and the cast of Heather Christian's *Oratorio for Living Things*.

If you have any questions about this event, please contact Guest Services at 212-875-5456 or guestservices@lincolncenter.org.



YMCA New Americans Initiative

New York City's YMCA is here for all. Our New Americans Initiative is a safe haven for immigrants looking for support and services. We never turn anyone away or inquire about immigration status.

Immigrant Services and Adult ESOL classes are now open in the Chinatown, Flushing & Harlem communities

FREE English, Citizenship Preparation, Workforce Readiness, Food Handler Certification and Microsoft Office Specialist Classes*


*specific class offerings are listed in the registration form.

Requirements for Enrollment:

- Must be at least 16 years old and not be required to be enrolled in school.
- Must register and complete intake and assessment in person.
- For more information, email newamericans@ymcanyc.org

TO REGISTER or make an appointment, email: newamericans@ymcanyc.org

Or scan QR code and register now!

To view the form in your language, right click on the form, select "Translate" click on the  then choose your language.



Or visit our website!

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Resources for Immigrants

YMCA New Americans Initiative

Immigrant Services and Adult ESOL classes are now open

[Click Here to Register](#)

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Maimonides Health

Pastoral Education

New CPE Program in the Heart of Brooklyn

The Inaugural unit will be an extended CPE unit that starts in September 2022, and ends in May 2023

[Click Here for an Application](#)

The Chaplaincy Department of Maimonides Medical Center is thrilled to announce the creation of a new innovative CPE program, open to persons of all spiritual traditions, housed in one of New York's historic Jewish hospitals.

People in crisis need comfort, support, counseling, and guidance. Chaplains and other spiritual caregivers are trusted to be a key source of this support. But how do spiritual caregivers learn to offer support?

CPE offers students – seminarians, clergy, and caregiving professionals – intensive training on how to offer spiritual care. We equip students to respond to the needs of people facing extremis. CPE at Maimonides utilizes psychological concepts, our spiritual tradition, as well as intensive multi-faith multi-cultural engagement. Students will also use creative arts as means of spiritual expression, reflection, and connection. The educational model of CPE involves providing care and reflecting on that care with the help of a learning community and an ACPE Certified Educator. Students cycle from caregiving to learning to caregiving once more – with a refined and growing competence.

The program is open to people of all of traditions and backgrounds, whether already serving as clergy in houses of worship or those who are currently religious students in Yeshiva, Seminary, Divinity School, etcetera. Applications will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis to determine if this clinical setting is a good match for the student’s learning needs.

The tuition of \$500 is due on the first day of the program.

Applications are accepted on a rolling basis. [Click Here](#) to apply

[Click Here](#) for more information.

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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