



The Interfaith Center of New York

November 9, 2020

Dear Friends of ICNY,

I hope this finds you and your loved ones safe and well.

From the pandemic, to the protests, to the recent election, 2020 has been a momentous year for the **Interfaith Center of New York (ICNY)** in many ways, as I am sure it has been for you.

For us it began close to home with the loss of our beloved founder, the **Very Rev. James Parks Morton**; the frightening onset of the Covid-19 pandemic followed some two months later. You can see our local response to the global pandemic, our role fighting racism before and after the murder of George Floyd, and much more at www.interfaithcenter.org/annualreport.

Just as ICNY refocused our work in the weeks after 9/11 under the Dean's leadership, **ICNY again rose to current challenges**, offering new solutions to unexpected obstacles faced by a city in need.

And, like many of you, we did all of this online, where we continue to make a difference.

The importance of our mission is never more evident than in a time of turmoil, and that is why I am asking you to **make a gift today in support of the Interfaith Center of New York**.

In what continues to be a polarized New York, the Interfaith Center prides itself on its role in helping leaders from every faith tradition create positive change for their communities and the city as a whole. And we could not do our peace-building work without you.

This year alone, ICNY:

- Assisted the Mayor's Office of Faith and Community Partnerships and the New York Board of Rabbis to **offer weekly online multi-faith prayers for those lost to COVID-19** and buried on Hart Island;
- Co-created **#MemorialforUsAll**, a concert series with Lincoln Center and Jazz at Lincoln Center that paid tribute to those who lost their lives to COVID-19;
- Developed a **Mental Health Toolkit for Faith Leaders** and a related webinar series with ThriveNYC and New York Disaster Interfaith Services;
- **Expanded the diversity of New York Faith Leaders advising the Governor's Office** on house of worship re-opening guidelines during the pandemic; and
- Circulated a weekly online update with resources to fight the virus's spread.

Will you make a gift to help us continue to make New York City safe for religious diversity?

We know this has been a challenging year for everyone, and we thank you for your dedication to our work as we embrace the challenges that continue to lie ahead for our fair city and its grassroots leaders.

Sincerely,



The Rev. Dr. Chloe Breyer
Executive Director

PS: enclosed you will find an excerpt of ICNY's 2020 Annual Report; to view it in its entirety, please visit **www.interfaithcenter.org/annualreport** to see how your support will help us make a difference in 2021. If you are looking to make a gift, thank you: please go to **www.interfaithcenter.org/donate**.