



**ICNY**  
Interfaith Center of New York

## MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

Dear Friend,

Greetings. This month, we remember the victims of the atomic bomb explosions that the United States set off over Japanese Cities Hiroshima and Nagasaki. The Anniversary of August 5th will be remembered over the course of several days at the **30th Annual Interfaith Peace Gathering**, which will have interfaith prayers and a peace concert and is hosted by the **Heiwa Peace and Reconciliation Foundation of New York**. Please see below for more details or [click here](#). A vigil is also being held by the **Community of Sant'Egidio**, and we invite you to participate using the links below.

Just over a week ago, ICNY was proud to join [@nyccec](#) and the NYC Mayor's Office of Faith-Based and Community Partnerships to co-host a discussion on the relationship between faith and [#CivicEngagement](#). Did you miss it? Take a moment now to follow us on our social media channels so you are up to date on all our events and the opportunities ICNY provides to take action against violence, misunderstanding, and prejudice. Click the social media icons below, and please consider sharing our posts with your networks.

As we get further into August, please be on the lookout for ways to apply to ICNY's popular and transformative Interfaith Civic Leadership Academy. To learn more or if you're wondering what to share with faith leaders in your network, please click [here](#).

Sincerely,

The Rev. Dr. Chloe Breyer  
ICNY Executive Director

PS: ICNY is hiring. [Click here](#) to learn more.

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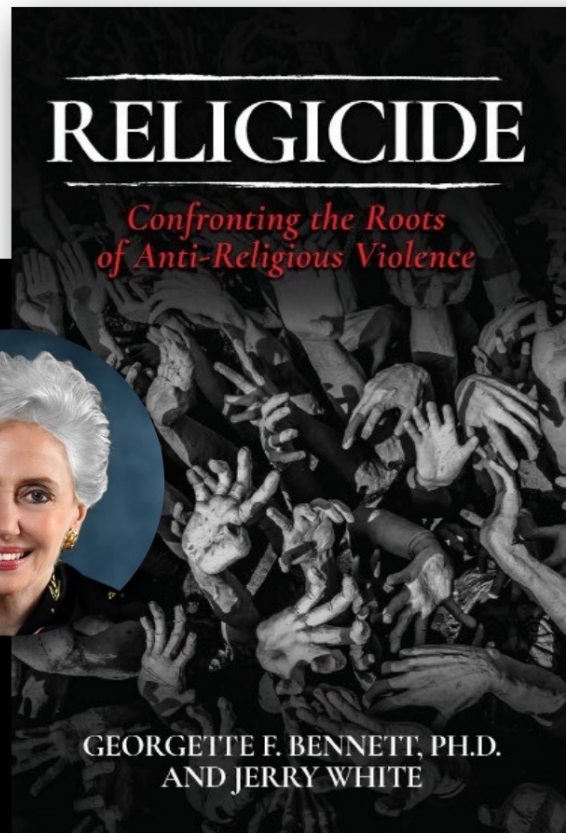


## ICNY PROGRAMS & EVENTS



# Religicide: A Book Talk with Dr. Georgette F. Bennett

Saint Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church and National Shrine  
130 Liberty St, New York, NY 10006  
August 2nd, 5:30-7:30PM



Religicide: A Book Talk with Dr. Georgette F. Bennett and Tanenbaum CEO, Rev. Mark Fowler

***“Religicide, is the systematic attempt to eradicate a religion and its followers,” according to Dr. Georgette F. Bennett.***

Join Tanenbaum at the Saint Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church and National Shrine on August 2, for an evening with renowned author, speaker, and Tanenbaum’s Founder, Dr. Georgette F. Bennett on her latest book, Religicide: Confronting the Roots of Anti-Religious Violence.

Following Dr. Bennett’s exploration of systematic religious persecution, and the solutions for identifying, responding to, and preventing it, she will be joined by Tanenbaum CEO,

Rev. Mark Fowler, for an in-depth Q&A with the audience.



SCAN ME

The event will open with remarks from dignitaries including His Eminence, Timothy Cardinal Dolan Archbishop of New York, and close with a book signing by Dr. Bennett, where audience members can purchase copies of *Religicide*.

Scan the QR code or visit the link here to register! [bit.ly/Religicide](https://bit.ly/Religicide)



## Book Talk

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Register



## HOUSES OF WORSHIP & FAITH-BASED ORGANIZATION (FBO) SPACE NEEDED PROSPECTIVE HOSPITALITY CENTER SCREENING QUESTIONNAIRE

NYC is experiencing an unprecedented humanitarian crisis, with the arrival of over **70,000 Asylum Seekers from Latin America and West Africa** over the past year - with more arriving every week. NYDIS' Emergency Shelter Network, in partnership with NYC, will fund 5 sites of any faith tradition, to operate a daytime hospitality center for the next 12-24 months providing support to approximately 150 guests a day over the next 12-24 months. Shelters must be open 365 days per year from 7AM to 7PM.

### Each House of Worship or Faith-based Organization MUST Have:

- 6+ Single Stall Showers (or the space and willingness for us to install showers)
- A Fire Sprinkler System (or the willingness for us to install a sprinkler system in the center's space)
- A fully functioning commercial kitchen (or food can be catered), preparing a variety of meal options (including, if requested, Vegan & Vegetarian options and may include Halal options)
- Language competent services, volunteers, and staff (Spanish, French, West African French, Wolof, etc.)
- Ability to fulfill reasonable accommodations (such as, language, dietary, religious, and accessibility needs)



**Compensation:** Up to \$54,000 per month, advanced monthly, from which a site may cover will fund the following documented expenses for required services:

- Janitorial Payroll Allowance (\$100/Day or up to \$3,000/month)
- One 7AM-7PM Onsite Center Coordinator (\$30/hour = \$11,000/month - from which benefits can be paid, if desired)
- One 7AM-7PM NYS Licensed Security Guard (\$360/day or up to \$11,000/ month)
- Food: Daily hot lunch and snacks for 150 (\$5pp per day = \$23,000/month)
- Insurance Allowance (up to \$1000/month)
- Supplies (\$2,000/month) & Miscellaneous Pre-Approved Support (\$2,500/month)
- Wi-Fi and Cable Television Allowance (\$165/month)
- **A Space Use/Utilities Allowance equal to 25% of total operating cost reimbursement per month - up to \$13,000 a month.**

#### What Will NYDIS' Emergency Shelter Network Provide?

- A dedicated NYDIS Shelter Operations Manager to support the operation of your center site: including logistics support, invoicing assistance, weekly onsite support.
- A monthly operating advance of up to \$54,000, and Space Use Fee \$13,000
- A laptop to track attendance and submit reports/forms as required.
- Grants to add Showers, Fire Safety Equipment/Sprinklers, and/or Paint/Light Refresh
- Referrals for security, laundry, meal procurement and, if necessary, vendors
- Towels/Wash Cloths, Hygiene Kits, Clothing to Distribute
- Training and Technical Support for each site, its staff and volunteers

To inquire about how to be of service to our new neighbors in crisis with hospitality and safe sanctuary and covering your basic costs:



Asylum Seeker info

#### COMPLETE THIS ONLINE FORM:

<https://howalert.org/HospitalityCenterSurvey>

*The survey will help determine your eligibility for a shelter contract. Completing the form does not commit you or your facility to anything other than an exploratory conversation.*



Online Survey



## HOUSES OF WORSHIP & FAITH-BASED ORGANIZATION (FBO) SPACE NEEDED

### Funding Available to Operate Asylum Seeker Overnight Shelters that Provide Food & Showers

NYC is experiencing an unprecedented humanitarian crisis, with the arrival of over **70,000 Asylum Seekers from Latin America and West Africa** over the past year - with more arriving every week. NYDIS' Emergency Shelter Network, in partnership with NYC, will fund 50 shelters in houses of worship or faith-based spaces, of any faith tradition, to operate 19 bed shelters for single adult men over the next 12-24 months. Shelters must be open 365 days per year from 7PM to 7AM.

#### Each House of Worship or Faith-based Organization MUST Have:

- 2+ Single Stall Showers (or the space and willingness for us to install showers)
- A Fire Sprinkler System (or the willingness for us to install a sprinkler system in the shelter space)
- Space for a dedicated dining and social area and the ability to provide culturally appropriate meals.
- Language competent services, volunteers, and staff (Spanish, French, West African French, Wolof, etc.)
- Ability to fulfill Reasonable Accommodations (such as, language, dietary, religious, & accessibility needs)
- Storage space for (folded) cots, linens, and Guests' storage trunks

**Compensation:** \$65 Per Night Per Person of up to \$35,500 per month, advanced monthly, from which a site will fund the following documented expenses or required services:

- Background Checks for Staff/Volunteers (up to \$1,400/month)
- Janitorial Payroll Allowance (\$100/Day or up to \$3,100/month)



- One 7PM-7AM onsite Shelter Coordinator (\$30/hour, includes benefits) = \$11,000/month)
- One 7PM-7AM onsite NYS Licensed Security Guard or off Duty-Law Enforcement Officer (\$360/day or up to \$11,000/ month)
- Bedding Laundry Allowance (\$775/month)
- Food: Daily Hot dinner and a hot or cold breakfast (\$3.27 pp per meal = \$4,000/month)
- Supplies (\$1,000/month)
- Weekly Laundromat Voucher of \$10 per guest (\$760/month)
- Insurance Allowance (up to \$2000/month)
- Wi-Fi and Cable Television (\$165/month)
- **A Space Use/Utilities Allowance equal to 25% of total operating cost reimbursements per month - up to \$9,500 a month.**

#### What Will NYDIS' Emergency Shelter Network Provide?

- 24/7 emergency support
- A dedicated NYDIS Shelter Operations Manager to support the training of your staff/volunteers, equipment as well as the technical assistance for operating of your shelter: including guest placement, invoicing assistance, weekly onsite support
- Guest placement for all Asylum Seekers to your shelter
- A laptop to document guest vacancy and occupancy placements every night and to submit reports/forms as required
- A monthly operating advance of up to \$35,500 and Space Use Fee of up to \$9,500
- Cots, Linens, Pillows, Towels/Wash Cloths, and Laundry Bags
- Storage Trunks and a Pad Lock for each guest
- Grants to add Showers, Fire Safety Equipment/Sprinklers, and or Paint/Light Refresh
- A daily roundtrip MetroCard for each guest
- Referrals for security, laundry, meal procurement and, if necessary, vendors

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## NYC Needs Your House of Worship

### Support the Newest New Yorkers by Sheltering Asylees

Since last summer, over 44,000 asylum seekers have arrived on their own or been transported to New York City without regard for their wellbeing. Hundreds continue to arrive each week. The NYC shelter system, hotels and alternative housing sites have been overwhelmed as asylum seekers try to find safe shelter while awaiting immigration court proceedings. While most are single men, single women and families with children are also arriving. Many of these fellow global citizens in crisis have fled unimaginable conditions in their country of origin and then experienced an arduous journey on their way to New York City.

The city has been providing hotels, homeless shelters, and other mass care spaces as housing on a temporary basis. We are proposing to fund congregations, of any faith tradition, to provide temporary small group shelter housing to single adult male and female asylees. The program would provide shelter for the next 12-24 months while all of us continue to call on the state and Federal government to help address this need for more permanent housing.

We are seeking houses of worship in all faith traditions that can meet the practical requirements

outlined in the flyer above. In exchange for your hospitality, congregations will be paid a monthly fee -- to cover all required operating expenses related to meeting each asylees' basic human needs and to offset space use costs.

Click the buttons below if your house of worship can help.

[Click Here if Your House of Worship Can Help With a Hospitality Center](#)

[Click Here If Your House of Worship Can Help with a Shelter](#)

## OTHER EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

**30th Annual Interfaith Peace Gathering**  
**And World Famous Play**  
**to Commemorate**  
**the Hiroshima And Nagasaki A-Bombings**

*Reconnect the Circle of PEACE, and  
Recreate a Vision of HARMONY*

**HIROSHIMA • NAGASAKI • NEW YORK**

- Interfaith Prayer
- Peace Concert
- Peace Exhibition
- Peace Bell

• Theatrical Play “The Face of Jizo” by award-winning, renowned playwright Hisashi Inoue.

**Sat., Aug 5, 2023, at 5PM- 9PM**  
**Hiroshima Day at St. Mark's Church in-the-Bowery**  
131 E. 10th Street, NYC

**Tue., Aug 8, 2023, at 2PM - 10PM**  
**Nagasaki Day at Japan Society**  
333 E. 47th Street, NYC

**Wed., Aug 9, 2023, at 2PM - 5PM**  
**Church Center for the United Nations**  
777 United Nations Plaza, NYC



777 United Nations Plaza, NYC  
Peace is precious; Non-violence is essential.

Please Join Us !!

第30回「NYインターフェイス平和の集い」-広島・長崎原爆犠牲者追悼、並びに平和祈念式典-  
二部構成： 第一部 追悼と祈念 第二部：アートフェス2023

This peace event is organized by the Heiwa Peace and Reconciliation Foundation of New York, and supported by the Buddhist Council of New York, the Gentle Earth, the Global Movement for the Culture of Peace (GMCoP), the Inoue Office Inc./ Hisashi Inoue Association, the Interfaith Center of New York, the Interfaith Center of USA, the Origami Therapy Association, the Tokyo Independent Film Festival, the Tokyo Visual Archives, the United Religions Initiatives (URI) and the World Yoga Community

Please  
Support  
Peace  
Efforts!  
Arigato!



Updated Info & live stream:

[facebook.com/HeiwaPRF](https://facebook.com/HeiwaPRF)

## Interfaith Peace Gathering

# Annual 30th Interfaith Peace Gathering to Commemorate the Hiroshima and Nagasaki Atomic Bombings

August 5th-9th, 2023

The 30th Annual Interfaith Peace Gathering to commemorate the Hiroshima and Nagasaki Atomic Bombings will have interfaith Prayers, Peace Concert as well as Theatric Play "The Face of Jizo" by award -winning renowned playwright Hisashi Inoue. The theme for this event is to "Reconnect the Circle of Peace, and Recreate a Vision of Harmony", especially after the Pandemic years and Russia-Ukraine conditions.

### DAY I: 30th Annual Interfaith Peace Gathering - Hiroshima Day (広島の日)

Date: Saturday, August 5, 2023

Place: St. Marks Church in-the-Bowery @131 E. 10th Street. New York, NY

5:00pm -7:15pm Interfaith Prayer, Peace meditation and music performance

7:15pm - Peace Bell Ring (moment of A-Bomb to Hiroshima 8:15AM on August 6, 1945)

7:30pm – 8:40pm Play "Face of Jizo"(English)

### DAY II: 30th Annual Interfaith Peace Gathering -Nagasaki Day (長崎の日)

Date: Tuesday, August 8, 2023

Place: Japan Society @333 East 47th Street New York, NY

2pm -8:30pm A-Bomb & Peace Art Exhibition, Origami Workshop, Films



6:00pm Part 1 - Theatrical Play "Face of Jizo" (Japanese with English translation)  
8:30pm Part 2 - Music Performance, Interfaith Prayer, speakers  
10:02pm Peace Bell Ringing (moment of A-bomb to Nagasaki on August 9, 1945 at 11:02AM)

**DAY III: 30th Annual Interfaith Peace Gathering --for the future world (未来に向けて)**

Date: Wednesday, August 9, 2023

Time: Church Center for the United Nations (777 United Nations Plaza, New York, NY)

2p-3:30pm Part 1: Interfaith prayers, Keynote Speaker, and Music performance.

3:30p- 4:30pm Part 2: Theatric play "The Face of Jizo"

Seats are limited, please reserve your seats by contacting Heiwa Foundation by e-mail to [heiwafoundationNY@gmail.com](mailto:heiwafoundationNY@gmail.com)

More Information

Register



Community of Sant'Egidio

**Vigil for Peace: Remembering the Atomic Bombing of the City of Hiroshima and the City of Nagasaki**

**August 5th-8th, 2023**

**325 E 33rd St,**

**New York, NY 10016**

The Community of Sant'Egidio will be hosting a vigil at The Chapel of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and Mary in Lower Manhattan to pray for peace and the abolition of nuclear weapons on the anniversary of the atomic bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki. The Chapel will be open and all are welcome to spend time in the chapel and offer their support for peace in whatever way is meaningful for their religious/spiritual tradition. Click the link below for more information.

[Register/More Information](#)



**11<sup>th</sup> Aarti Hindu Lamp Ceremony**  
**on the East River**

Main Street: Pebble Beach at Brooklyn Bridge Park  
Brooklyn, NY 11201

Saturday, August 12, 2023 4 PM to 7:30 PM

Free Public Event

 **Aarti Hindu Lamp Ceremony**

Photo: Erik Almeida



**Ceremony**

**11th Annual Aarti Hindu Lamp Ceremony**

**August 12th, 2023**

**Main Street: Pebble Beach at Brooklyn Bridge Park  
Brooklyn, NY 11201**

Please join us to perform Aarti Hindu Lamp Ceremony on Saturday, August 12th, 2023 from 4pm-7:30pm on the banks of the East River, Pebble Beach, Brooklyn Bridge Park, Brooklyn NY. This is a free event. We are grateful for your participation and support to bring this ceremony back. Lets us come together to release our Lamp with Peace, Love and Harmony for our Community.

The Aarti ceremony is traditionally performed each morning and evening along India's rivers. It is performed in order to convey gratitude to mother river, reflect on our community and remember our loved ones. Please join us as we decorate palm leaf lamps and release them along the East River and pay our respect our loved once.

This ceremony is presented by Aeilushi Paulom Mistry. This performance is sponsored in part, by the Greater New York Arts Development Fund of the New York City Department of Cultural Affairs, Administered by Brooklyn Arts council. Additional Support provided by Brooklyn bridge Park Conservancy, Family and Friends.

This venue is accessible and closed to public transportation. F train to York Street, A or C to High Street, NYC Ferry - Dumbo. Click the button below for more information/to visit the website.

[More Info/Website](#)

**PAC ■ NYC**  
**PERELMAN PERFORMING**  
**ARTS CENTER**



Arun Ramamurthy & Trina Basu ft. Samarth Nagarkar →



The Choir of Trinity Wall Street →



iFÉ →



Innov Gnawa →



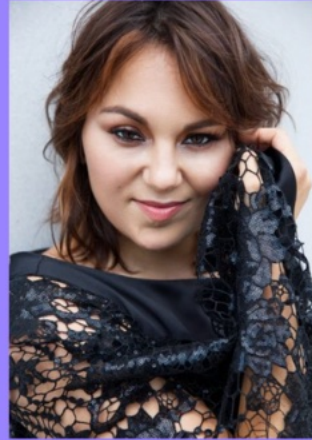
# DEVOTION: FAITH AS REFUGE



The Klezmatiks →



Damien Sneed →



Tanya Tagaq →



Trinity Youth Chorus →

## Multifaith Sacred Music Festival

### Devotion: Faith as Refuge

September 20th, 8:00PM

Perelman Performing Arts Center

231 Fulton Street (World Trade Center)

ICNY is thrilled to be an anchor partner of the new [Perelman Performing Arts Center](#), a major cultural institution in the heart of Lower Manhattan, and a testament to the power of the arts to unite and inspire diverse New Yorkers.

Please join us at PAC NYC on September 20 at 8:00 pm, for a celebration of faith and spiritual traditions expressed through the power of music. Featuring soaring Gospel anthems, lively klezmer melodies, percussive Yoruba religious music, hypnotic Gnawa rhythms, and more, this evening gathers internationally acclaimed artists from diverse faith backgrounds for an uplifting tribute to art and song as a source of refuge and hope. Performers will include:

Arun Ramamurthy & Trina Basu, ft. Samarth Nagarkar

The Choir of Trinity Church Wall Street and Trinity Youth Chorus

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Innov Gnawa

The Klezmatiks

Damien Sneed and Chorale Le Chateau

Tanya Tagaq

Tickets for this show and the entire “Refuge” concert series are Pay-What-You-Wish, ranging from \$15 to \$120 per ticket. All are welcome!

[Learn More/Buy Tickets](#)

*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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