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NEWSLETTER SUPPLEMENT & 9/11 REMEMBRANCE

²⁸ Have you not known? Have you not heard?

*The Lord is^jthe everlasting God,
the Creator of the ends of the earth.*

He does not faint or grow weary;

^khis understanding is unsearchable.

*²⁹ He gives power to the faint,
and to him who has no might he increases strength.*

*³⁰ Even youths shall faint and be weary,
and young men shall fall exhausted;*

*³¹ but^lthey who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength;
they shall mount up with wings^mlike eagles;
they shall run and not be weary;
they shall walk and not faint.*

--Isaiah 40:28–31

This passage from the Book of Isaiah was part of a small booklet of passages from sacred

scripture put together by city workers: FDNY, NYPD, DOC, construction workers, private contractors and many more who volunteered 24 hours a day to clean up the wreckage left when the towers collapsed. In the nine months that followed the attacks on the World Trade Center and Pentagon, whenever human remains were found, the work stopped, people gathered and one of many chaplains of different faith traditions would read this passage or another one to honor the dead and comfort the living.

24 years later, children have grown up, many survivors have moved on. Too many continue to battle daily cancers contracted during their time working on the Pile. The country has changed. And so has the city.

The Prophet Isaiah's words from Chapter 40 offer strength and courage to many of us deeply in need of inspiration in the fight against hatred, cruelty and the kind of heinous politically motivated violence that we are seeing increasingly around our country--as recently as yesterday.

The same democratic values that were attacked by Al Qaeda twenty four years ago are in need of even greater protection now. As New Yorkers we are called to even greater civic fortitude and spiritual imagination and compassion than what we showed in the weeks and months after 9/11.

Sincerely



The Rev. Dr. Chloe Breyer
ICNY Executive Director



ICNY PROGRAMS & EVENTS





SERVICE

An evening of music and reflection to welcome students, faculty, staff, and community members in Morningside Heights.

Wednesday, Sept. 17, 6:00 pm
The Interchurch Center
61 Claremont Ave. @ 120th Street

All are welcome!
Kosher and Halal food provided.



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Morningside Heights Residents

Interfaith Service and Community Gathering

Wednesday, September 17, 6:00 pm

Interchurch Center, 61 Claremont Avenue @ 120th Street

Please join us for an evening of sacred music, reflection, and conversation to welcome students, faculty, staff, and community members in Morningside Heights. Sponsored by the Interfaith Center of New York, Columbia University's Earl Hall Center for Religious Life, the Jewish Theological Seminary, Union Theological Seminary, Riverside Church, and the Cathedral Church of Saint John the Divine. All are welcome! Kosher and Halal food provided.

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INTERFAITH CIVIC LEADERSHIP ACADEMY

Transformative Training for Diverse Faith Leaders and Change Makers



APPLICATIONS NOW OPEN TO JOIN OUR 7TH COHORT OF ICLA FELLOWS

Be the Change You Want to See in New York!

Interfaith Civic Leadership Academy

Applications due by Friday, October 24

Throughout New York, diverse faith leaders are creating positive change for their own communities and the city as a whole. ICNY's Interfaith Civic Leadership Academy gives them the leadership skills and interfaith ties they need to make a difference, as well as \$500 in grant funding for a community project and a \$500 personal stipend to honor their commitment to the program. Here's what past ICLA fellows have to say about the program:

“The ICLA provided me with the necessary training, tools, resources, and support to make things happen! Such a great experience — I’d recommend it to all.” - Pandit Vyaas Sukul, Vishnu Mandir

“Interfaith Center of New York, you have changed the trajectory of my life through this program, and I am indebted to you.” - Rev. Dr. Holly Bonner, Accessible Interfaith Ministries

We hope you’ll apply to join the seventh cohort of the Leadership Academy, or share this opportunity with colleagues and community members!

Learn more and apply now at interfaithcenter.org/icla. Click the following links to share posts on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), [LinkedIn](#), and [X](#). Contact henry@interfaithcenter.org with questions.

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Celebrate our Shared Commitment to the Environment

Season of Creation Interfaith Gathering

Wednesday, October 1, 12:00 - 1:00 pm

Interchurch Center Chapel, 61 Claremont Avenue

Optional Service Project in Riverside Park Friday, October 3, 9:30 - 11:30 am

Please join diverse local religious leaders to celebrate our shared commitment to environmental sustainability and the integrity of creation. The program is sponsored by the Graymoor Ecumenical & Interreligious Institute, the Interfaith Center of New York, the Center for Earth Ethics at Union Theological Seminary, and the Interchurch Center's Committee on Ecumenical, Interfaith, and Community Concerns.

On **Wednesday, October 1, from 12:00 - 1:00 pm**, Christian, Hindu, Jewish, Muslim, Native American, and Sikh faith leaders will lead a prayer service – recommitting, hand in hand, to moral and institutional responsibility to the Earth as our shared home. And on **Friday, October 3, from 9:30 - 11:30 am**, we will live out this commitment through an ecological service project in collaboration with the Riverside Park Conservancy.

The program coincides with the **Season of Creation** observed by many Christian denominations from September 1 through October 4 (the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi, patron saint of animals and the environment), and marks the ten-year anniversary of the late Pope Francis' landmark encyclical, *Laudato Si: On Care for Our Common Home*. ICNY and our partners are honored to extend this traditionally Christian observance to New Yorkers of all faiths and none – recognizing the integrity of creation as a bedrock principle for interfaith collaboration.

No RSVP is required for the October 1 worship service – all are welcome! The service will also be livestreamed on the [Interchurch Center's YouTube channel](#).

Space is limited for the October 3 ecological service project however – please email info@geii.org to RSVP by September 25.

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