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Interfaith Center of New York

## MONTHLY NEWSLETTER



*Imam Khalid Latif, Rev. Dr. Andrew Wilkes, Rabbi Ellen Lippmann, former ICLA fellow Tandeep Kaur Sawhney, and Rev. Stephen Greene appear with other faith leaders at Mayor Zohran Mamdani's inauguration on January 1, 2026*

Dear Friend,

Wishing you a happy and healthy New Year from the staff and board of the **Interfaith Center of New York** — may a new beginning in the civic calendar provide us with the strength we need to persevere in hope at a time when visible reasons for hope seem in short supply.

You give us hope. Many thanks to those of you who supported ICNY with such generosity in our

annual appeal, donated at our *Religious Resistance to Authoritarianism* conference, or supported our work in other ways.

With this new year, we were pleased to join other New Yorkers and friends of the city worldwide in welcoming our new mayor, **Zohran Mamdani**. With **Mayor Mamdani** comes important milestones for the city: the youngest mayor since 1892, the first Muslim mayor, and much more. ICNY was pleased to see how many of our friends and colleagues played a role in the Mayor's inauguration: former ICLA fellow **Tandeep Kaur Sawhney**, **Imam Khalid Latif**, **Amadou Ly**, and the family member of a grantee in our Equipping coalition who was released from ICE custody after a harrowing pickup at LaGuardia airport and detention in Florida. If you missed it, you can [watch the full inauguration ceremony here](#).

In the new year, ICNY will partner with [Hands Off NYC](#), a grassroots effort to create a more resilient, engaged, and stronger city in the event of an escalation of federal presence here. With ICNY's support, the **Hands Off NYC Faith Table** will mobilize New York's diverse faith communities to join with labor unions, community organizations, and other civic actors to strengthen the civic fabric of the city and stand together in nonviolent resistance to unjust federal overreach. You'll hear more from us about this work in the coming week, and in the meantime I invite you to contact ICNY's Program Associate for Community Partnerships [Danielle Williams](#) to get involved.

Thank you again for your support, and remember it's never too late to join us in building a just and inclusive city. Please give to support our work in the new year if you can.

Sincerely,



The Rev. Dr. Chloe Breyer  
ICNY Executive Director

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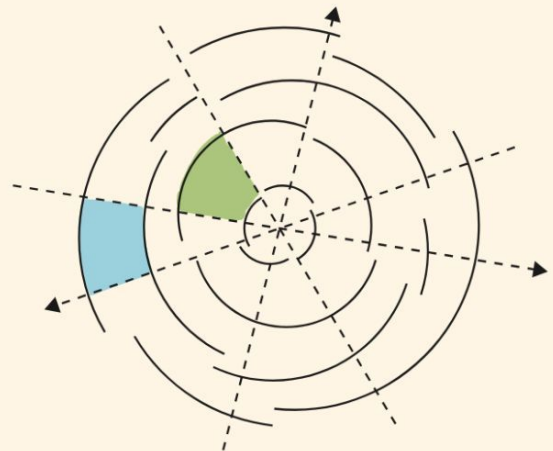
## ICNY PROGRAMS & EVENTS

# RESTORATIVE POWER INTERFAITH COHORT-BASED TRAINING

February 23 and 24, 10 am - 4 pm  
at the Interchurch Center, 475 Riverside Drive

With Monthly Convenings to Continue Through the Spring

Faith communities are sites of deep meaning—and real conflict. This interfaith, skills-based training is designed for faith leaders and faith-based activists seeking practical tools rooted in restorative justice frameworks.



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## Essential Skills for Faith Leaders

# Restorative Power: Interfaith Cohort Based-Training

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[Click Here to Learn More and Apply](#)

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- Respond to harm, tension, and rupture in congregations and faith-based organizations
- Facilitate difficult conversations with clarity, accountability, and care
- Support congregants and staff who feel marginalized, alienated, or harmed by faith communities
- Navigate power ethically and foster trust across difference

The training is cosponsored by ICNY and the [Restorative Justice Initiative](#). It is open to clergy, lay leaders, and faith-based activists in all traditions, as well as those serving in interfaith or pluralistic contexts. The training is rooted in ritual, reflective practice, and dialogue, sharing restorative approaches that leaders can bring back to their communities. Upon completion, participants will receive:

- Access to RJI practitioners' open hours for continued consultation
- Eligibility for a community stipend to support facilitating restorative circles
- Certificate of completion, and a book for continued learning

Please join us on February 23 & 24 to build restorative leadership skills that support dignity, accountability, and collective healing in spiritual life and organizational leadership. [Click HERE](#) or click the button above to learn more and apply by Friday, February 6th.

# Multifaith Mondays

Columbus Circle, Every Monday, 5:30-6:00 pm

## Witness for Democracy



**People of all faiths and none, join us for prophetic resistance and community-building in a time of deep division and threat to our shared democratic values.**



Scan the QR code or visit [bit.ly/multifaith-mondays](https://bit.ly/multifaith-mondays) to learn more, join our email list, or express interest in speaking at a vigil.

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**Make Your Voice Heard**

## **Multifaith Mondays: Moral Witness for Democracy**

**Every Monday, 5 :30 - 6:00 pm**

**Columbus Circle (gather at the USS Maine Monument on the SW corner of Central Park)**

Since Monday, March 3rd, faith leaders and community members have gathered each week at Columbus Circle, to stand in solidarity and bear moral witness for democracy. Each vigil, held from 5:30 to 6:00 PM at the USS Maine Monument on the southwest corner of Central Park, is hosted by a different faith community or interfaith coalition. Through prayer, song, and collective presence, we affirm the power of spiritual resilience in the face of challenges to democratic values.

These gatherings serve as a space for reflection, connection, and public witness, reminding us of the shared moral responsibility across faith traditions to uphold justice and human dignity. If your house of worship or community organization would like to host a Monday vigil, [please sign up here](#). We invite all to join in this weekly call for unity and action.

Sponsors Include: **The Interfaith Center of New York | Union Theological Seminary | The Jewish Theological Seminary | Episcopal Diocese of New York | The Riverside Church | T'ruah: The Rabbinic Call for Human Rights | The BeaconNYC**

**[Click Here to Fill Out Interest Form](#)**

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## **OTHER PROGRAMS & EVENTS**

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Our Elohim is One, Our Nation is One, Our Sisterhood is One

**Ha Nasheem Sisterhood Presents**

**Intergenerational Teas & Turbans Social  
for Women of Faith**






“GOOD HEALTH IS OUR YAH(GOD)-GIVEN RIGHT”

SUNDAY  
JANUARY 18, 2026  
1:00PM-6:00 PM

Beth Shalom  
730 Willoughby Ave  
Brooklyn, NY 11206

General admission: \$20 per person  
Seniors (65+): \$15 per person  
Teens and young adults (14-21): \$10 per person  
Children under 14: FREE

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Ha Nasheem Sisterhood Presents

## Teas & Turbans Intergenerational Social for Women of Faith

January 18, 2026, 1:00 - 6:00 pm

730 Willoughby Ave Brooklyn, New York 11206

The theme of this event is “Good Health is our Yah (God) Given Right!” We will be discussing health disparities and phenomenas in our communities.

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