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MONTHLY NEWSLETTER



ICNY and our partners offered reflections and blessings at the beginning of Saturday's Manhattan March with "No Kings Interfaith Vigil for Democracy." It is noteworthy that today, March 31, is the 250th anniversary of Abigail Adam's letter.

Dear Friend,

In the Passover stories, Eid and Nowruz celebrations, and observance of Holy Week, themes of liberation and renewal are inescapable. For many faith leaders grappling this year with how their communities can serve vulnerable people—some of whom are in unjust detention or have been deported and separated from their families, the promises of our great faith traditions and the realities on the ground stand in stark contrast.

To that end, ICNY's Chief Counsel **Eugene Nam** created a unique 50 minute [Know Your Rights Training for Houses of Worship](#) video that shares resources on safety measures congregations can take including vital information about space use, Constitutional rights, harboring concerns, employment of immigrants, deportation, sanctuary laws, advocacy strategies, and more. We invite you to view it now on YouTube, [here](#).

Likewise, you can find answers to how your community can locate the detained member, coordinate assistance, and support applications for release like bail, parole, and habeas corpus with this cheat sheet [Community Response to ICE Arrest: A Step-by-step Guide](#). You can find it in Spanish here: [Respuesta comunitaria al arresto de ICE: Guía paso a paso](#). This and other pertinent guides are readily available on **ICNY's Substack**, details of which are included below. Other guides you will find there include [Legal Guide for Congregations Serving as Sanctuaries for Immigrants](#) and [Protecting Religious Spaces from ICE Raids](#).

On ICNY's Substack you can also about **Donna Akuamoah**, a board member of **Immigration Law and Justice New York**, who [shared her story](#) at a New York State Capitol press conference to advocate for full funding of the **Interest on Lawyers' Account (IOLA) Fund**.

Today, **New York Immigration Coalition** will be going to Albany to advocate for New York 4All. Call your state reps today to push this critical piece of legislation.

Finally, in this season of intersecting Holy Days when many of our communities are at their most vulnerable, we recognize wounds inflicted on religious communities by ignorance or hatred or both. Whether the shameful postings US Senators calling **Mayor Mamdani** a terrorist for celebrating an iftar dinner, or the harassment and death threats to many New Yorkers are the victim of because of faiths, we are called to vigilance in protecting one another from hatred and bigotry.

Sincerely,



The Rev. Dr. Chloe Breyer
ICNY Executive Director

PS: This past weekend, ICNY and our partners offered reflections and blessings at the beginning of Saturday's Manhattan March with "No Kings Interfaith Vigil for Democracy." For more photos, press coverage, and my closing reflection "God and the Ladies", click [here](#).

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Hands Off Faith Table Co-Chairs Nia Alvarez-Mapp and Danielle Williams



ICNY PROGRAMS & EVENTS



**James
Parks
Morton
Interfaith
Awards**

save the date
6/15/2026

interfaithcenter.org/gala

Cocktails and Dinner
Tribeca Rooftop, NYC

Early tickets and sponsorship
[Interfaithcenter.org/gala](https://interfaithcenter.org/gala)
212-870-3510



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Save the Date

2026 James Parks Morton Interfaith Awards

Monday, June 15th, 2026, 6:30 PM

Tribeca Rooftop, Manhattan

Please save the date to join us and consider securing your spot early this year for the **James Parks Morton Interfaith Awards** gala, a vibrant gathering place for a diverse collection of two hundred fifty + of our city's residents including religious and civic leaders, past and current honorees, members of the Board of Directors of the **Interfaith Center of New York**, donors, and friends. The event celebrates the recipients of the James Parks Morton Interfaith Award and raises funds to allow the **Interfaith Center of New York (ICNY)** to continue to provide tools and education to grassroots religious leaders from disenfranchised communities. We look forward to sharing exciting details with you in the coming weeks, and invite you to stay tuned for details on honorees and special guests [here](#).

Tickets and Tables



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2025 ANNUAL REPORT

www.InterfaithCenter.org

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ICNY's 2025 Annual Report is Now Live

Thank you to everyone who played a role in our successes in 2025 joins us on our journey to make New York City a safer and more civically engaged place. Please click [here](#) to learn how **ICNY** activated the power of our city's grassroots religious and civic leaders and their communities last year. Download, share, or make a gift today.

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To watch the training on YouTube, click [here](#) or the button below.

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Celebrating Black History Month!

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Community Response to ICE Arrest: A Step-by-step...

MAR 16 • EUGENE NAM



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Defending Migrants Against Mass Deportation: The...

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Faith & Action for New New Yorkers



Are you following ICNY's Substack?

ICNY's Substack (interfaithcenter.substack.com) is a great source for up-to-the-minute resources and training materials from ICNY's Chief Counsel, **Eugene Nam**, as well as other articles and action items.

Recent topics include:

- Legal Guide for Congregations Serving as Sanctuaries for Immigrants
- Protecting Religious Spaces from ICE Raids
- Community Response to ICE Arrest: A Step-by-step Guide

Click below to view our Substack now. Subscription is not required, but subscribing is ideal for those looking to receive these types of resources as soon as they become available.

[Visit ICNY's Substack](https://interfaithcenter.substack.com)

OTHER PROGRAMS & EVENTS

Listing does not imply endorsement by the Interfaith Center of New York

PRO SE COLLABORATIVE HABEAS TRAINING

*Learn how to prepare and file habeas petitions
for detained individuals.*

Please join us for a training on how to help detained individuals prepare and file habeas petitions when they do not have a lawyer. This event will be hybrid and in person attendance will be capped at 80. Light refreshments will be provided.

 **Date:** Thursday, April 2, 2026

 **Event Format:** Hybrid

 **Time:** Lunch catered at 12:30 PM / Training starts at 1:00 PM

WHO IS THIS TRAINING FOR?

This training will help NYC-based community advocates and social service workers understand how habeas petitions are used in the immigration detention context and review the basic elements of a pro se petition for common scenarios that have arisen in New York. The training is intended for non-attorney advocates, including organizers and others who support detained community members. Sample filing documents and templates will be provided during the training.

RSVP HERE:



ORGANIZED BY:

<https://wkf.ms/4dcCIK6>





Hybrid event

Pro Se Collaborative Habeas Training

Thursday, April 2, 2026

Lunch catered at 12:30 PM, Training starts at 1:00 PM

CPC One 1st Floor Conference Room (45 Suffolk Street NY, NY 10002)

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Organized by:

Amadou Ly Foundation
NYU Law School's Immigrant Rights Clinic
Chinese-American Planning Council
the Pro Se Plus Project

[RSVP Here](#)

JAZZCALL FOR

FREEDOM

Answer the Call

#JAZZCALLFORFREEDOM

Friday, March 27 - Thursday, April 2 (11:59 PM)

Jazz at Lincoln Center

Jazz at Lincoln Center presents a new initiative, under the direction of Managing and Artistic Director Wynton Marsalis. The initiative posits that: our democracy is under relentless attack from abiding political polarization, deep cultural fragmentation, and a rising movement towards authoritarianism. In times of such uncertainty throughout American history, jazz has spoken in a clear voice to reaffirm democratic values. JazzCall for Freedom answers that familiar call through a coherent civic response.

Each week, we'll be featuring new performances by artists under the JazzCall for Freedom banner. This week, catch pianist Sean Mason performing "By and By (We'll Understand It Better By and By)," and stay tuned to YouTube and our social accounts to watch more videos in the weeks to come.

Want to add your voice to the chorus? Stand up and be counted: use the #JazzCallForFreedom hashtag and tag @Jazzdotorg to join the movement. Your response can take many forms—music, song, spoken word, dance, visual art—so long as you're answering the call!

View Sean Mason's performance here: <https://www.instagram.com/reels/DWY-Iv-DYIr/>

[Learn More Here](#)



STATIONS OF THE CROSS



Good Friday Solidarity Walk

Stations of the Cross

April 3rd, 9:30 AM

26 Federal Plaza

(Meet at 9 AM at the corner of Elk and Reade)

Let us accompany the Passion of the Christ, reflected in our migrant brothers and sisters.

We will walk together in faith, love, and hope.

United in solidarity, let us embrace the Cross and seek the light of the resurrection.

Hosted by **New Sanctuary Coalition**. No RSVP required.

KNOW YOUR RIGHTS IF FACED WITH ICE

A DAY OF EMPOWERMENT

Calling the Community at Large, Leaders, Residents, & Family Members!

- ✔ Understand your rights if you encounter ICE
- ✔ Learn what to do if you or a loved one is detained by ICE



PRESENTED BY

THE QUICK COMMUNITY RESOURCE CENTER IN PARTNERSHIP WITH
BROADWAY HOUSING COMMUNITIES AND COMMUNITY BOARD 9

THE SUGAR HILL CHILDREN'S MUSEUM
OF ART AND STORYTELLING

898 SAINT NICHOLAS AVENUE
NEW YORK, NY 10032

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 8TH, 2026
6:30 PM

Know Your Rights if Faced with ICE

Wednesday, April 8th, 6:30 pm

Sugar Hill Children's Museum of Art & Storytelling, 898 St. Nicholas Ave

The Quick Community Resource Center in partnership with Broadway Housing Communities and Community Board 9 is pleased to invite you to attend a one-day community symposium entitled "Know Your Rights If Faced with ICE."

This important event is intended to provide individuals and families with a clear understanding of their rights and equip them with proactive tools for informed and lawful engagement.

This informative occasion is open to the community at large and residents are strongly encouraged to attend and share this opportunity with colleagues, family members, friends, and neighbors.

For more information please reach out to tenantservices@bhc.org.

A Public Conversation

In partnership with Spirituality & Flourishing

Embracing Forgiveness in Unforgiving Times



**April 14th, 2026
St. Johns in the Village
& Livestream**

**Instruction by Kelly
Murphy Mason,
PsyD, MS, LICSW**

A Public Conversation

Embracing Forgiveness in Unforgiving Times

**Tuesday, April 14th, 6:30 pm – 8:15 pm ET, followed by a reception 8:15 pm – 9:00 pm
St. John's in the Village, Greenwich Village, NYC (plus a Livestream Option)**

In an era marked by intense pain, heightened outrage, and increased polarization, offering forgiveness can feel difficult, if not impossible. Yet across wisdom traditions and therapeutic frameworks, the act of forgiving is recognized as an indispensable and humane practice that restores and renews our relationships. It allows us to reclaim our personal agency, to loosen the grip grievance has on us, and to move toward more compassionate living. This talk will consider forgiveness as both a psychospiritual process and ethical stance that simultaneously refuses to absolve, normalize, or legitimate past, present, or future wrongdoing.

This public conversation invites everyone — seekers, believers, and skeptics alike — to explore what embracing forgiveness might mean in such fractured times. Drawing on psychological research, moral philosophy, and spiritual thought, Dr. Kelly Murphy Mason, a community minister and spiritual director, educator and psychotherapist, will help us explore forgiveness not as sentimental gesture, but as courageous and transformative work. We'll discuss how committing ourselves to a forgiveness practice can open up possibilities for healing within ourselves and our communities.

[RSVP and More](#)

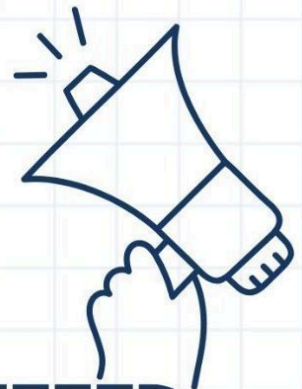
PAID RESEARCH OPPORTUNITY

WE ARE LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS FOR A 1 HOUR VIRTUAL INTERVIEW

\$20 COMPENSATION

REQUIREMENTS:

- Age 25 – 54 years
- Live in or near NYC
- Born outside the US
- Job loss or trouble finding work in the past year
- Comfortable speaking English



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STUDY ENDS MAY 3, 2026**

CUNY Research Project

Interview by May 3rd

CUNY School of Public Health is working on a class research project focused on immigrants who have experienced job loss or trouble finding work in the past year. Below is a summary of the project and interviews.

Goal: To understand the health impacts of recent job loss or trouble finding work among immigrants

- **Time & Compensation:** 1 hour virtual interview, \$20 compensation
- **Participants must meet all of the below criteria:**
 - o Age 25 - 54 years
 - o Live in or near NYC
 - o Born outside the US
 - o Job loss or trouble finding work in the past year
 - o Comfortable speaking English
- **How to participate:** Those interested can access a screening form via the QR code or link on the flyer. Those who are potentially eligible based on their responses will be contacted by one of the students working on the project.
- **When to participate:** We will schedule at the participants' convenience. Interviews must be completed by May 3rd, 2026.

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