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MONTHLY NEWSLETTER



Over 1,200 Faith Leaders convened in Washington D.C. this week to advocate for strengthen protections for vulnerable people and houses of worship. Pictured here at a Rally outside the Capitol is Sally Raush, Rev. Dr. K Karpen, Rev. Jenna Johnson, & Rev. Dr. Emily Peck.

Dear Jonill,

Yesterday, the **Interfaith Center of New York** joined over 1,500 Methodist Pastors, lay leaders, and other faith leaders for a day of “Faithful Resistance” for immigrant justice. This included worship at Capitol Hill Methodist Church and a march to the Capitol, which was followed by meetings with more than fifty members of congress. Alongside a UMC Pastor who serves at Six Churches in NYC, a retired Bishop now serving in Rockland County, and a Methodist Pastor from Farmingdale, we shared stories of ICE’s impact on our congregations and communities with staff **Sen. Kirsten Gillibrand**, including:

- *How ICE detained people in line for food outside a UMC Church in Harlem last week.*
- *How a former TPS holder who owned his own business, paid taxes, supported his family is facing deportation and the destruction of all he has built.*
- *How a member of Middle Collegiate Church in NYC was abducted by ICE at a routine Green Card interview and subsequently ordered released by a judge yet continues to be held in detention.*
- *How Dylan, the first High School student from NYC to be detained still languishes in a PA ICE facility, despite his mother being Senator Schumer’s guest at the State of the Union earlier this week.*

Senator Gillibrand has pledged that she will *not* fund DHS until meaningful reforms to ICE are made. “Meaningful reforms” include making sure that ICE must go before a judge in order to detain someone, thereby getting a judicial warrant instead of a self-generated one or lying about who they are to get access as they did just yesterday with Columbia Student **Ellie Aghayeva**.

Even more than masks or body cameras, this requirement of judicial review is a lynchpin of democratic practice. History is filled with examples of what can happen when the checks and balances within government are eroded. [Ninety years ago last month, the German government suspended judicial review and arrest warrants in the formation of a new paramilitary force](#). Not every country that suspends judicial review ends up a dictatorship, but in modern times it would be hard to find a dictatorship that didn’t at some point suspend judicial review.

You can add your voice to the "Faithful Resistance" Advocacy Call.

Thanks to Church World Service, you can you can [tell Congress to stop lawless Immigration enforcement and to pass guardrails on ICE and CBP](#). Then, urge your representatives to [pass](#)

[the Sensitive Locations Act \(H.R. 1061\).](#)

Below, you will find more information about accompaniment trainings at Immigration Court in NYC and how to volunteer with **New Sanctuary Coalition**, **Sacred Court Support**, or **Jews For Racial and Economic Justice's** Court Watch. All of the information related to Immigration Court accompaniment can be found and shared on ICNY's website here: <https://interfaithcenter.org/volunteer-opportunities/>.



The Rev. Dr. Chloe Breyer
ICNY Executive Director



Faith leaders - including ICNY Board Member Rabbi Sharon Kleinbaum, center - gathered for a public observance of Ash Wednesday at 26 Federal Plaza Federal Building.

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ICNY PROGRAMS & EVENTS

I.C.E. PREPAREDNESS TOWN HALL: PANEL & TRAINING

SUNDAY, MARCH 1ST | 5:30 P.M.



**ST. MICHAEL'S
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**LEARNING FROM MINNEAPOLIS,
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NEW YORK STATE ASSEMBLYMEMBER

MICAH C. LASHER

69th District



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ICE Preparedness Town Hall: Panel & Training

Sunday March 1, 5:30pm

St. Michael's 225 West 99th Street

Manhattan Borough President Brad Hoylman-Sigal, Assemblymember Micah Lasher, the Interfaith Center of New York, Hands Off NYC, and St. Michael's Episcopal Church will be holding an ICE Preparedness Town Hall on Sunday, March 1st, at 5:30 p.m. The event will take place at St. Michael's at 225 West 99th Street.

There will be a panel discussion featuring ICNY's Executive Director Rev. Dr. Chloe Breyer, alongside elected officials and faith leaders who will share reflections from their time on the ground in Minneapolis. This will be followed by a neighborhood preparedness training, led by Hands Off NYC, as well as information from the Interfaith Center about how to get involved in work to protect your immigrant neighbors.

No registration required; please join us!



Hands Off NYC Faith Table Gathering



Lessons Learned from the Forgotten Borough

Thursday, March 12, 5:30 - 7:00 pm
Halal Dinner Served For All, 7:00 - 8:00 pm

St. John's Episcopal Church, Eccleston Hall
1331 Bay Street, Staten Island, NY 10305
(in back of Canterbury House)

Join the Hands Off Faith Table in Staten Island to connect with faith leaders working to protect their communities from escalating federal immigration actions. You'll learn practical strategies, hear about Know Your Rights trainings, legal resources, and explore ways to partner with community and faith-based organizations. Following the meeting, a halal dinner will be served for all. Space will be available for Muslims to pray before breaking their fast.

For more information, scan the code
or contact faith@handsoffnyc.com.



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Eccleston Hall at St. John's Episcopal Church (in the back of Caterbury House), 1331 Bay Street, Staten Island, NY 10305

Register Here

As the Hands Off Faith Table takes our gatherings borough by borough, we are lifting up the leadership of local faith communities working to protect their neighbors amid escalating federal immigration actions. Join us in Staten Island — often called the “Forgotten Borough” — to hear strategies from leaders organizing on the ground, how they collaborate with directly impacted communities, and what lessons can strengthen all of our work.

Information about Know Your Rights trainings and other immigration resources from local faith-based and community organizations will be available. Faith leaders from all boroughs are encouraged to attend, and Staten Island leaders seeking to deepen their engagement are especially encouraged to join us.

Following the meeting, a halal dinner will be served for all. Space will be available for Muslims to pray before breaking their fast. For additional information, please contact faith@handsoffnyc.com.



DISTRICT 39 INTERFAITH IMMIGRATION SUMMIT

*Organizing Neighborhood
Solidarity Against Mass
Deportation*

Sunday, March 22nd
1:30 PM – 5:00 PM

1:30 PM - 5:00 PM

Register Here:

*Location provided
upon registration*



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**Shahana
Hanif** CITY COUNCIL MEMBER
DISTRICT 39

D39 Interfaith Immigration Summit

Sunday, March 22, 2:00-5:00 PM (sign-in begins at 1:30 PM)

Location Shared Upon RSVP

Register Here

City Council Member Shahana Hanif & the Interfaith Center of New York are excited to partner to equip District 39 and neighboring faith communities to organize their communities to stand against mass deportation. While registration is required, it is also free. All are welcome, and we hope you will join us on March, 22nd from 2:00-5:00 PM (Arrive 1:30 for check-in) to build solidarity.

If you have any questions regarding participation in the March 22nd D39 Interfaith Immigration Summit, please contact ICNY's Associate Director for Migrant Outreach Brennan Peacore-Brink at brennan@interfaithcenter.org.



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**NEW YORK
LAW SCHOOL**

LEGAL ETHICS AND MORAL VALUES: BRINGING PERSONAL AUTHENTICITY TO PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE

1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Keynote Dialogue: Faith and Law in a Pluralistic Society (CLE: Ethics and Professionalism)

2:00 p.m. – 3:20 p.m.

Panel: Professional Ethics, Personal Values, and the Rule of Law (CLE: Ethics and Professionalism)

3:30 p.m. – 4:45 p.m.

Workshop: Lawyering for Religious Diversity (CLE: Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Belonging)

4:45 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Closing Remarks

Tuesday, March 24, 2026

1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

New York Law School

Stiefel Room

185 W Broadway, New York, NY 10013

CLE: 4.0 credits

(NY transitional and nontransitional)



For more information and to RSVP: www.nyls.edu/CLersvp

Conference for Attorneys and the General Public

Legal Ethics and Moral Values: Bringing Personal Authenticity to

Professional Practice

Save the Date: Tuesday, March 24, 1:00pm-5:00pm

New York Law School, 185 West Broadway

[Click Here for Free Registration](#)

Please join ICNY and New York Law School (NYLS) on Tuesday, March 24, to explore the intersection of personal, professional, and religious ethics in legal practice. How, we will ask, should an attorney's personal sense of morality — including their religious or secular values — influence their decision-making in the practice of law?

This half-day continuing legal education conference will feature a keynote dialogue between **Hon. Asim Rehman** (former OATH Commissioner and Chief Administrative Law Judge, Adjunct Professor at NYLS, and cofounder of the Muslim Bar Association of New York), **Prof. Russell Pearce** (Professor Emeritus at the Fordham University School of Law), and **Yazmine Nichols** (Associate Director of NYLS's Wilf Impact Center for Public Interest). Their dialogue will explore the role of an attorney's personal or religious values in their legal work and professional identity formation. Following the keynote, a panel of attorneys in a range of practice areas will discuss the relationship between professional ethics, personal values, and the fundamental principle of the rule of law. Finally, an interactive workshop co-facilitated by **Dr. Henry Goldschmidt** (ICNY Director of Programs) will help participants explore best practices for lawyering for a religiously diverse society.

The conference will be held at New York Law School's Abbey Hall, 185 West Broadway, in Tribeca, New York. All are welcome — not just lawyers! New York State attorneys will receive **Four Continuing Legal Education Credits**. Click the registration button above or scan the code above for free registration.

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 to learn more, join our email list, or express interest in speaking at a vigil.

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)

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

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**

OTHER PROGRAMS & EVENTS

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Join us for an all-ages sing-in where voices come together in song, community, and hope. We'll learn songs that have long helped communities stand strong, tell the truth, and care for one another — across cultures, generations, and traditions.

SUNDAY, MARCH 1ST 2:00 – 3:00PM
50 EAST 7TH STREET NY, NY



Family ICE-Out Sing In

Sunday March 1, 2:00pm-3:00pm

50 East 7th Street

[Register Here](#)

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Ramadan

MEALS FOR ASYLUM SEEKERS

THIS RAMADAN, COMMUNITY COMES FIRST, AFRIKANA , AND IMAM KHALID LATIF ARE PROVIDING IFTAR AND SUHUR MEALS AT NYC MOSQUES AND SHELTERS

THIS RAMADAN 2026 HELP AFRIKANA TO PROVIDE MORE THAN 50,000 MEALS ASYLUM SEEKERS OBSERVING THE MONTH OF RAMADAN WITH IFTAR AND SUHOOR.

TO DONATE GO TO THE WEBSITE BELOW:

WWW.LAUNCHGOOD.COM/V4/CAMPAIGN/RAMADAN_MEALS_FOR_ASYLUM_SEEKERS_IN_NEW_YORK_CITY_1



Opportunity to Support Asylum Seekers

Ramadan Meals for Asylum Seekers in New York City

Ongoing Fundraiser throughout Ramadan

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With Ramadan celebrated through mid-March, Afrikana is urgently requesting your support this Ramadan as thousands of asylum seekers in New York City are observing the holy month while facing food insecurity. Many come from West & North Africa, Pakistan, Bangladesh, Turkey, and other regions, struggling to find halal, culturally appropriate meals for Suhoor and Iftar.

With limited resources, mosques and community spaces cannot meet the growing need. Many will go without a meal at dawn or sunset. Your support can change that. Help provide over 50,000 meals so none of our brothers and sisters are left hungry this Ramadan. Click this link or the button above to donate.

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