



ICNY
Interfaith Center of New York

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER



ICNY's Danielle Williams joins Pastor Viles Dorsainvil, Alex Gomez, Charlene Walker, Rev. Archange Antoine, Pastor Bernadette Dor-Dominique, and other supporters at the "Unshackle Springfield" gathering in Ohio last month.

Dear Friend,

Last Sunday, faith leaders and community members gathered at Springfield City Hall Plaza in Ohio for a public witness calling attention to the devastating human toll of immigration enforcement on Springfield's Haitian-American community. Since the Trump administration terminated

Temporary Protected Status for Haitians, Springfield and New York City's Haitian-American residents — once welcomed by employers and neighbors — have been unable to work legally, unable to drive, and are facing the constant threat of deportation to a country where, on August 23, [47 people were killed by gangs inside a Protestant Church](#) and where the U.S. State Department warns Americans not to visit. In Springfield, faith leaders called for the removal of ankle monitors from Haitian residents, the release of **Pastor Joubert Adrien** and **Pastor Juil Demano**, and an end to racial stigmatization of Springfield's Haitian and Black communities.

If you or your congregation would like a legal training to help Haitian or other new New Yorkers facing fear of detention and deportation, you can [fill out this form](#) to schedule a legal training with **Eugene Nam**, ICNY's Chief Counsel.

In addition to listing events honoring the 25th anniversary of 9/11, this newsletter contains important September events including the Interfaith Alliance and ICNY's series of election protection trainings for faith leaders; programs on the Climate Crisis from the Center for Earth Ethics with **Al Gore** and **Wanjira Mathai**; a Pan African pilgrimage; and a rally outside the United Nations to end state executions in Iran.

And once again, Temple Sri Ganesha Chaturthi, where ICNY Honorary Board Member **Dr. Uma Mysorekar** is President, celebrates its biggest annual festival of the year. Beginning on Friday, September 11 and running through Sunday, September 20, 2026, the festival includes a procession in which Lord Ganesha is carried in a decorated Silver Chariot through the streets of Flushing on Sunday, September 20th starting in front of the Temple at 12:30 PM. The Temple invites you to participate in this joy-filled occasion. Below, please find the flyer announcement for the event.

Sincerely,



The Rev. Dr. Chloe Breyer
ICNY Executive Director

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Meal preparation outside a Bronx mosque celebrating the birthday of the Prophet Mohammed in August. The industrial sink in the photo's lower right corner was part of renovations made possible by Naji Almontaser and ICNY.



From left to right: Imam Omar Niass, Masjid Jamhiyatu Ansaru-Deen; David Ahmed Coulibaly, Office of the Bronx Borough President; Ahmed Karbo, NYC Commission on Human Rights; and Eugene Nam, ICNY.



ICNY PROGRAMS & EVENTS



Multifaith Spiritual Care Retreat

Rest, Restore, Resist: Spiritual Care for Challenging Times

November 16-17

Stony Point Center in the Hudson Valley

With Transportation from Manhattan

These are challenging times for New Yorkers and others targeted by our increasingly authoritarian federal government. Along with organizing, advocacy, and service, our moment calls for compassionate spiritual care – to support ourselves and our diverse neighbors as we build sustainable movements for social change. On November 16-17, [ICNY](#), [Hands Off NYC](#), [Stony Point Center](#), and additional partners will answer this call through an overnight retreat providing spiritual care for faith leaders, activists, organizers, and impacted community members.

The **Rest, Restore, Resist** retreat will be the 44th meeting of ICNY's flagship series of conferences and retreats for religious and civic leaders. Detailed information and registration will be available soon. Meanwhile please save the date, and contact ICNY's Director of Programs Dr. Henry Goldschmidt at henry@interfaithcenter.org with questions. The retreat program will include:

- Keynote address by [Rev. Dr. Danielle J. Buhuro](#), Founder and Director of [Sankofa CPE](#), and Director of Movement Chaplaincy for the [Faith Matters Network](#)
- Multifaith panel discussion and collective healing space, with religiously diverse speakers reflecting on healing practices in their faith traditions
- Experiential workshops, including yoga at various levels, sitting and walking meditation, healing rituals from diverse traditions, and healing through sacred arts, music, and dance
- Small group discussions led by spiritual care professionals, exploring personal, spiritual, and communal challenges participants are facing
- Evening activities, including a campfire song circle and film screening

Please join us on November 16-17 to rest, restore, and resist. All are welcome! We will get through these challenging times together, drawing on healing resources from our diverse faith traditions.

INTERFAITH ALLIANCE

The Vote Is Sacred 2026

A six-part webinar series. All sessions 7:00 PM ET.

- 01 Faith in Elections Playbook Training**
Tuesday, August 25
- 02 Do's and Dont's for Houses of Worship**
Wednesday, September 2
- 03 Faith-Based Campaigns for Democracy**
Wednesday, September 9
- 04 Trusted Messenger Training**
Tuesday, September 15
- 05 De-escalation & Bystander Intervention**
Wednesday, September 23
- 06 The Final Stretch: Get Out The Vote**
Wednesday, September 30



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The Vote is Sacred

Events Run September 2 - September 30

All Events are Virtual

The Vote Is Sacred 2026 is Interfaith Alliance's nationwide effort to protect our democracy and empower people of faith to get out the vote in the midterm elections, bringing together a cross-country bus tour launching October 6 and running through Election Day, hands-on GOTV and voter registration, election protection and de-escalation trainings, crisis scenario planning, and election grants empowering local organizations. At the heart of it all is a six-part Election Ambassador Webinar Series (August 25–September 30), a free virtual training series that equips clergy, congregations, and faith-based advocates meet this moment: from putting the Faith in Elections Playbook to work and understanding the do's and don'ts for houses of worship, to a showcase of faith-based democracy campaigns, trusted-messenger and Vote411 training, de-escalation and bystander intervention at the polls, and a final Get Out The Vote send-off as the bus tour goes live. Register now to join Interfaith Alliance and ICNY in this effort — because in 2026, the vote is sacred, and democracy needs people of faith.

[Register](#)



Celebrate the New *Songs in the Key of Resistance* Album

SKOR Album Release and Sing-Out!

Monday, September 7, 6:00-8:00 PM

St. Marks Church in-the-Bowery, 131 E. 10th St.

Join us for an evening of music, community, and collective action as we celebrate the new Songs in the Key of Resistance album.

Throughout the evening, we'll teach songs that inspire courage and solidarity, strengthen our efforts to defend voting rights, stand with immigrant communities facing attacks, and equip us to protect one another through the power of collective song. **This celebration is free and open to all, but registration is strongly encouraged.** Capacity is limited to 300 people.

[Register](#)



Standing Together: A Walk and Vigil With September 11 Families for Peaceful Tomorrows

25th Commemoration Event: September 10th, 2026

25th Anniversary of 9/11 Peace Walk and Vigil

Standing Together with Peaceful Tomorrows

Thursday, September 10 at 5:00 PM

Walk from Union Square Park to Ground Zero

September 11th Families for Peaceful Tomorrows is hosting an event to commemorate the 25th anniversary of 9/11 through remembrance, reflection, and a collective call for a more peaceful tomorrows. Please feel free to join us for the entirety of the event or for the portion of the program that you connect with the most.

We will highlight the mission and work of Peaceful Tomorrows, reflecting on 25 years of advocacy, including efforts to support survivors of violence, oppose torture, promote accountability, and

challenge policies rooted in the "War on Terror" framework.

The program will feature guest speakers from partner organizations, including ICNY, who have worked alongside Peaceful Tomorrows in advancing shared commitments to peace, justice, and human rights. Together, we will explore how the legacy of 9/11 continues to shape our world and why creating a more peaceful and just world through the rule of law, human rights, and compassion, not endless war, remains as urgent today as ever.

[More Information](#)

OTHER PROGRAMS & EVENTS

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

SEEKING MENTORS

ROCC NYC is seeking mentors for 18-20 year old asylum seekers. These young people benefit greatly when supported by trusted adults who can help them navigate life in a new city. The partnerships between mentors and mentees have proven to be mutually life-changing and meaningful. Please join us in helping some of our newest New Yorkers!

To learn more and/or take action immediately, please email nycmentorshipinfo@gmail.com



Info Session: Mentor an 18-20-Year-Old Asylum Seeker

Thursday, September 10, 6:00 PM

Online via Zoom

Are you ready to step up ASAP to change the life of an 18-20 year old asylum seeker? It's an easy lift with incredible rewards for both mentor and mentee.

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To learn more and/or take action immediately (and/or to inquire about volunteering at ROCC NYC's immigrant resource center in Hell's Kitchen), please join our next Zoom info session (9/10/26 - details below) or email nycmentorshipinfo@gmail.com.

Join Zoom Meeting:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/89642681694?pwd=vqQl5aKzvYv1awfsKqagTq31NXACJn.1>

Meeting ID: 896 4268 1694

Passcode: 888094



NADAP NY State of Health Navigator Offering Free Insurance and Enrollment Renewal Assistance

Free Health Insurance Enrollment Assistance Available

Ongoing, By Appointment

NADAP's NY State of Health Navigator Program provides free, confidential assistance to New Yorkers with health insurance enrollment and renewal assistance. Assistance is available for Medicaid, Child Health Plus, the Essential Plan, and Qualified Health Plans.

Individuals and families can receive support understanding their health insurance options, completing applications, and renewing coverage.

For free assistance, please contact:

Klara Bernabe

NY State of Health Navigator, NADAP

Email: kbernabe@nadap.org

Phone: 917-733-4029

Assistance is available in English and Spanish. NADAP also has multilingual Navigators who can provide support in additional languages, including Arabic, Mandarin, Cantonese, French, and others.

When contacting, please mention that you found this resource through the Interfaith Center of New York newsletter.

Modeling Religious Pluralism

Cultivating Religious Equity
in Today's World

Panel With the Editor and Two of the Book's Contributing Authors

***Modeling Religious Pluralism: Cultivating Religious Equity in Today's World* Book Launch**

Tuesday, September 1, 6:00 PM

Burke Library at Union Theological Seminary, 3041 Broadway

Join us in the Burke Library's main reading room (3rd floor) at Union Theological Seminary to celebrate the publication of *Modeling Religious Pluralism: Cultivating Religious Equity in Today's World* (Oxford University Press). This new volume offers timely, practical models for engaging religious diversity with equity and integrity, an urgent conversation as communities continue to navigate difference across lines of faith and belief. The evening will bring together the book's editor

and two of its contributing authors for a discussion of the ideas, questions, and real-world applications at the heart of the collection.

Panelists include **Simran Jeet Singh**, Assistant Professor of Interreligious Histories at Union Theological Seminary and host of *Undivided*, a new docuseries exploring the search for religious freedom in the United States; **Diane L. Moore**, founding Co-Director (with Hussein Rashid) of the Center for Religion and Public Life and Scholar in Residence at Union; and **Hussein Rashid**, founding Co-Director (with Diane L. Moore) of the Center for Religion and Public Life and Scholar in Residence at Union. Join us for what promises to be a rich conversation on pluralism, equity, and the future of interreligious engagement.

[Register](#)



Bridging Divides: Lessons Learned from Interfaith and Community Collaborations

Interfaith Roundtable Breakfast Discussion

Thursday, September 3, 8:00-10:00 AM

Online via Zoom

Join ACR-GNY and the Dispute Resolution Center John Jay College of Criminal Justice on Thursday, September 3 for this free Roundtable Breakfast Discussion with Mohammad Razvi Bob Kaplan Eileen Reilly and Pastor Gil Monroe!

How do we build trust, unite divided communities, and drive meaningful change?

In this presentation, Pastor Gilford Monroe, Eileen Reilly, Mohammed Razvi, and Rabbi Bob Kaplan — known as the Do Gooders — will discuss their far-reaching bridge-building work as a

collaborative of seasoned leaders whose combined experience spans more than 100 years across government, faith, nonprofit leadership, and organizational management.

Drawing on more than two decades of collaborative work, we will share our stories, strategies, and lessons behind our efforts to build bridges, respond to crises, foster cross-sector partnerships, and create resilient, values-driven solutions.

The following timely and compelling topics will be discussed:

- How leaders and organizations can navigate complexity and uncertainty
- The power of cross-sector and interfaith collaboration to advance meaningful change
- Leadership lessons drawn from decades of community-building and bridge-building
- Strategies for aligning mission, values, and organizational action
- Practical approaches to building resilience and sustaining long-term community relationships

See more information and register at the link below!

Register



First Analysis Institute of
Integrative Studies

WHAT DO OUR FAITHS DEMAND?
**THE TRI-ABRAHAMIC
DIALOGUE ON THE
CLIMATE CRISIS**



**SACRED GUIDANCE FOR
A PLANET IN CRISIS: A
CALL TO JUSTICE,
COMPASSION, AND HOPE**

THIS DIALOGUE WILL EXPLORE WHAT KEY FAITH TEACHINGS AND DOCUMENTS—including *LAUDATO SI'*, *LAUDATE DEUM*, *AL-MIZAN: A COVENANT FOR THE EARTH*, AND IMPORTANT JEWISH TEACHINGS ON CREATION AND JUSTICE—CAN TEACH US ABOUT A JUST AND FAITHFUL RESPONSE TO THE CLIMATE CRISIS.



RABBI NINA BETH CARDIN
PANELIST



IMAM SAFFET CATOVIC
PANELIST



BISHOP JOHN STOWE, OFM CONV.
PANELIST



ERIN LOTHES
MODERATOR

SEPTEMBER 3, 2026 AT 2:00 PM CENTRAL

Register & More Information

parliamentofreligions.org/blog/tri-abrahamic-2

Sacred Guidance for a Planet in Crisis: A Call to Justice, Compassion, and Hope

Tri-Abrahamic Dialogue on the Climate Crisis

Thursday, September 3, 3:00 PM ET

Online via Zoom

Register for the second webinar of **The Tri-Abrahamic Dialogue on the Climate Crisis: What Do Our Faiths Demand?, Sacred Guidance for a Planet in Crisis: A Call to Justice, Compassion, and Hope** on Thursday, September 3 at 2:00 pm Central.

This dialogue will explore what key faith teachings and documents—including *Laudato Si'*, *Laudate Deum*, *Al-Mizan: A Covenant for the Earth*, and important Jewish teachings on creation and justice—can teach us about a just and faithful response to the climate crisis. The webinar seeks to foster a deeper understanding, shared moral responsibility, and collaborative action among Christians, Muslims, and Jews to address the urgent challenges facing our common home. This event is provided in partnership with the [First Analysis Institute of Integrative Studies](#).

Speakers include:

- [Imam Saffet Catovic](#)
- [Bishop John Stowe, OFM Conv.](#)
- [Rabbi Nina Beth Cardin](#)

Moderated by [Erin Lothes](#).

Click below to register.

Register

The Elsewhere Ensemble presents

INVOCATION

a prayer for peace

*a concert on the themes of peace,
violence and faith
for soprano, baritone & string trio
composed by Colin Pip Dixon*

Featuring texts by:

Frederick Douglass, Albert Einstein,
Jalaluddin Rumi, Bayo Akomolafe
Saint Francis of Assisi, Rabbi Nachman
of Breslov, Etty Hillesum,
Rabia Terri Harris, Shantideva,
Martin Luther King Jr. among others



Camille
Ortiz
Soprano



Kenneth Overton

Baritone
(Grammy winner 2020)

“
...the
emotional
impact was
undeniable.

”
— New York
Concert Review

IN HONOR OF THE 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF 9/11

FRIDAY, **SEPTEMBER 11TH**

7:30 P.M.

All Angels' Church
251 W 80th St. NYC

Colin Pip Dixon
violin

Arnaud Ghillebaert
viola

Kathryn Brunhaver
cello

For ticketing & information please visit:

WWW.ELSEWHEREENSEMBLE.COM

Concert in Honor of the 25th Anniversary of 9/11

INVOCATION — A Prayer for Peace

Friday, September 11, 7:30 PM

All Angels' Church, 251 W. 80th St., Manhattan

On the 25th anniversary of September 11, The Elsewhere Ensemble presents Invocation – a prayer for peace, an original 80-minute composition by Colin Pip Dixon for soprano, baritone, and string trio. The work weaves together prayers, poems, and writings from Jewish, Christian, Muslim, Buddhist, Hindu, and secular traditions in a musical meditation on peace, violence, faith, and our shared humanity.

Featuring Grammy Award–winning baritone Kenneth Overton, soprano Camille Ortiz, and The Elsewhere Ensemble — Colin Pip Dixon, violin; Arnaud Ghillebaert, viola; and Kathryn Brunhaver, cello.

Suggested donation \$25; all are welcome regardless of ability to pay.

More Information and Tickets



**NEW YORK
LAW SCHOOL**

WE ARE NEW YORK'S LAW SCHOOL



A Reflection on Constitutional Democracy, the Rule of Law, and Civic Education

2026 Constitution and Citizenship Day Summit

Wednesday, September 16, 9:00 AM - 3:30 PM

New York Law School, 185 West Broadway

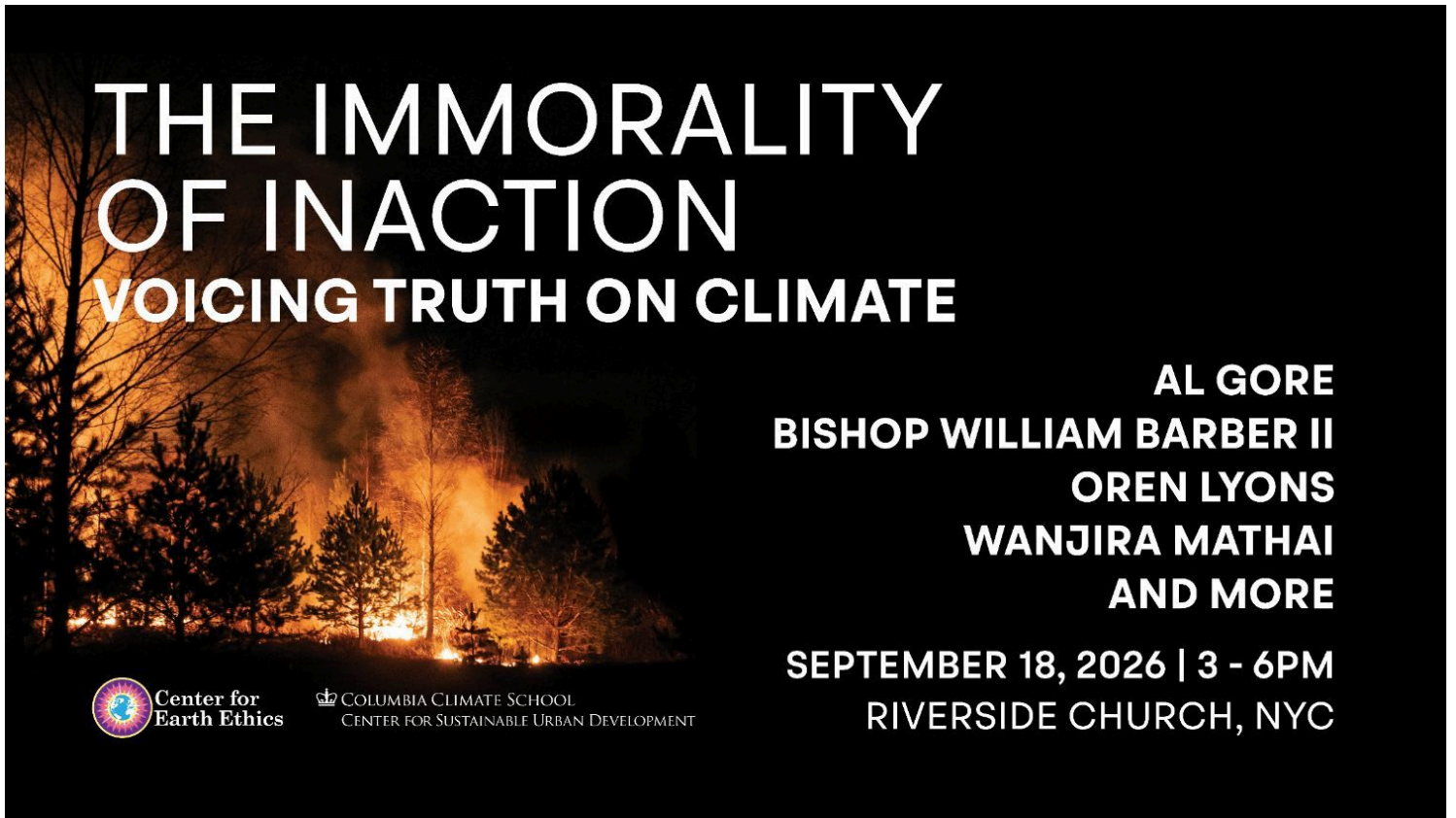
As our nation commemorates 250 years of independence, the Summit offers an opportunity to reflect on the enduring principles of constitutional democracy, the rule of law, and the essential role civic education plays in preparing informed and engaged citizens. Together, judges, attorneys, educators, law students, and civic leaders will explore how these foundational values continue to shape our institutions and inspire the next chapter of American democracy.

The program will open with a keynote conversation on the essential role of independent journalism in civic education, featuring *60 Minutes* Correspondent, **Bill Whitaker**, with **The Honorable Joseph Bianco** of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit and **The Honorable Victor Marrero** of the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York, Co-Chairs of the Justice for All Initiative, and moderated by New York Law School Dean and President **Anthony W. Crowell**.

The keynote conversation will be followed by a series of probing thematic sessions and a civics “schmooze” connecting participants with organizations advancing innovative approaches to civic engagement. The day will end with a session on comparative civics education featuring a conversation that includes **Justice Albie Sachs**, a founding member of the Constitutional Court of South Africa.

We invite you to join this important gathering as we consider the ideas, partnerships, and innovations that can strengthen civic life, deepen civic understanding, and help advance the promise of American democracy for generations to come.

[View Preliminary Program and RSVP](#)



THE IMMORALITY OF INACTION

VOICING TRUTH ON CLIMATE

**AL GORE
BISHOP WILLIAM BARBER II
OREN LYONS
WANJIRA MATHAI
AND MORE**

**SEPTEMBER 18, 2026 | 3 - 6PM
RIVERSIDE CHURCH, NYC**

 **Center for
Earth Ethics**  **COLUMBIA CLIMATE SCHOOL**
CENTER FOR SUSTAINABLE URBAN DEVELOPMENT

Faith Leaders, Scientists, and Activists Unite for Climate Action

The Immorality of Inaction: Voicing Truth on Climate

Friday, September 18, 3:00-6:00 PM

Riverside Church, 490 Riverside Dr.

Join the Center for Earth Ethics on Friday, September 18, at the historic Riverside Church in New York City for “Immorality of Inaction: Voicing Truth on Climate.” This gathering will bring people together to give voice to what we know to be true about the catastrophic consequences of allowing the pillage and pollution of the Earth—and what we are called to do about it.

We have the scientific knowledge, technology and financial resources to decrease fossil fuel emissions, restore integrity, protect communities and prevent ecosystem collapse. Yet we don’t. In the face of shifting political winds and corporate profit-seeking, our systems have us ever more locked into a trajectory of self-destruction. The ones that suffer first and worst are the most

vulnerable among us. We cannot be silent. Through speech, story and song, we will invigorate and empower a unified moral community voice. Let's build the public pressure needed to move from a culture of denial and delay to one of decisive action.

Speakers include:

- Al Gore
- Bishop William Barber II
- Oren Lyons
- Wanjira Mathai
- Rabbi Jennie Rosenn
- Charitie Ropati
- Sophia Powless

...and more to be announced

Register



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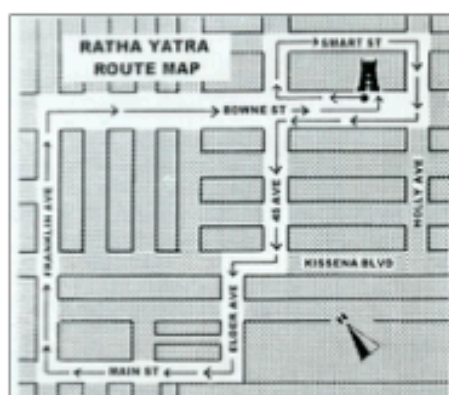
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GRAND RATHA YATRA

Sunday, September 20th, 2026

YATRA ROUTE MAP



The Ratha will start from the Temple at 12:30 PM after the pooja in the Temple, make a full Pradakshina around the temple block (covering 45th Ave, Smart St. and Holly Ave.) and will reach Main Street approximately at 1:45 PM - 2:00 PM. The Ratha will return to the Temple by approximately 2:30 PM.



- Don't Miss This Grand Event! -

For Further Information Please Call the Temple at (718) 460-8484 ext. 112

Celebrate the Hindu Society of North America, Flushing, NY's Biggest Annual Festival

Sri Ganesha Chaturthi Festival

Sunday, September 20, 12:30 PM

45-47 Bowne St., Flushing

Help celebrate the Hindu Temple Society of North America, Flushing, NY's biggest annual festival: Sri Ganesha Chaturthi.

The celebrations begin Friday, September 11th and conclude on Sunday, September 20th, 2026 with a colorful procession of Lord Ganesha placed in a lavishly decorated Silver Chariot around the streets of Flushing starting in front of the Temple at 12:30 PM, on Sunday, September 20th.

Join thousands of joyful devotees as they accompany the procession and exhibit their exuberance by singing, chanting, and dancing to the tunes of the drums and shehnai.



**THE GOD BOX
FOUNDATION**

Re-Membering God's Children

Presents

God Box Talks

Reordering the Pan-African Return

Opening Session begins:

Sunday | September 20th, 2026 | 6PM-8PM ET/10PM-12AM GMT



Suggested Contributions

Free Registration

Attend any panel session at no cost.

\$30 Community Supporter

Helps offset program costs and program development.

\$200 Full Series Supporter

Includes all supporter benefits

**JOIN
US!**

Nine-Session Pan-African Interfaith and Multifaith Experience

The God Box Talks Panel Series 2026-2027

Opening Session Sunday, September 20, 6:00-8:00 PM

A powerful new conversation is beginning — and you are invited to be part of it.

Registration is officially open for The God Box Talks Panel Series, a groundbreaking nine-session Pan-African interfaith and multifaith experience bringing together faith leaders, scholars, cultural practitioners, visionaries, and communities from across Africa and the Diaspora.

Officially endorsed by the Diaspora Affairs Office of the President of Ghana and The Black Star Experience, this series creates a rare space for courageous dialogue, spiritual reflection, cultural reconnection, and collective visioning around the future of Pan-African unity.

Whether you join us for one conversation or experience the full series, there is a place for you at the table.

Come help shape the Pan-African Spiritual Guiding Principles that will lay the foundation for true reconciliation, unity, and liberation across the Pan-African world.

Registration is now open — reserve your place today.

Learn More and Register

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PEZESHKIAN
TO ADDRESS THE
UNITED NATIONS

HE DOES NOT REPRESENT
THE IRANIAN PEOPLE


STOP EXECUTIONS
END TORTURE


WOMAN
RESISTANCE
FREEDOM


END STUDENT
SUPPRESSION


DEMOCRACY
FOR IRAN



UNITED NATIONS
DAG HAMMARSKJOLD PLAZA

E.47th Street & 2nd Ave. NYC



TUESDAY
SEPTEMBER
22, 2026



9:00
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Association of Iranian American in New York

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Stand With the People of Iran and Help End the Executions

Rally to Stop Executions in Iran

Tuesday, September 22, 9:00 AM

Dag Hammarskjold Plaza at the United Nations, E. 47th St. & 2nd Ave.

Iran executes more people than any country on earth. Thousands will stand across the United Nations with one message: No To Execution in Iran. You can help tip the scales by joining us.

Regime President Masoud Pezeshkian is expected to attend and address the 80th session of the United Nations General Assembly in New York, September 24th. This is not diplomacy. It's whitewashing a regime of murder and repression.

Every voice on the streets of New York is a voice for freedom in Iran & American security. By showing up, you'll urge world policymakers to:

- **Stand With the Iranian People:** Demand a shift away from appeasement. Stop legitimizing a regime that murders its own people.
- **Reject the Regime of Execution:** Pezeshkian has presided over the execution of over 1600 prisoners and escalated support for terror proxies abroad.
- **Support a Real Alternative for Iran:** Endorse the democratic Ten-Point Plan, calling for gender equality, free elections, and a secular, non-nuclear republic.

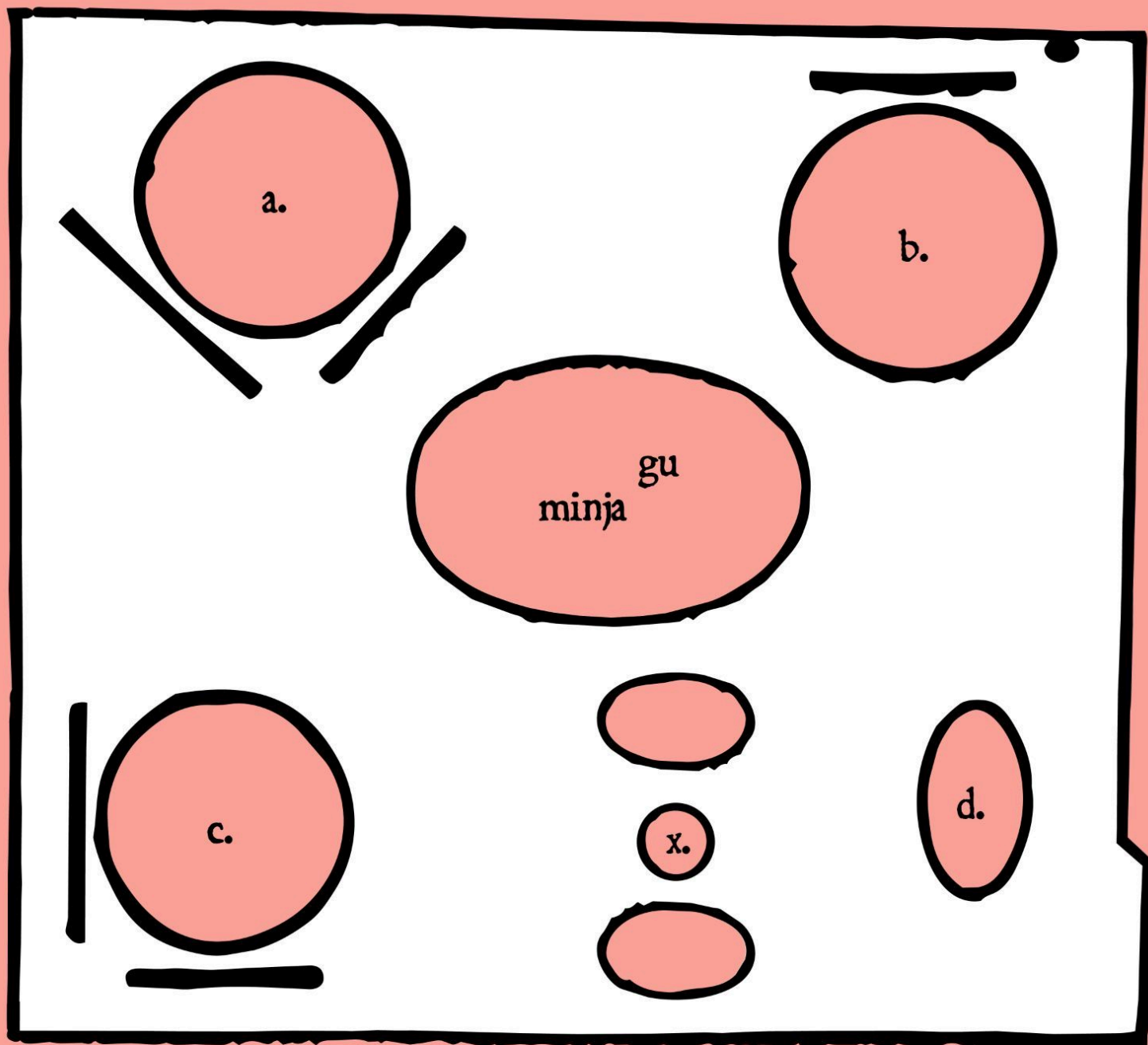
We call for the UN to hold the regime of execution and terror accountable for gross human rights violations.

We refuse to let a regime of execution and terror be normalized on the world stage.

Learn More and Register

middle ground: (im)possible kitchen

september, 2026



gmtc-golden monkey trading company

210 canal st, rm 310, new york, ny

a, zine workshop

09.10.26 (thur), 5:30-7:30pm

b, cooking with tsohil bhatia

09.17.26 (thur), 5:30-7:30pm

c, lecture performance

09.24.26 (thur), 5:30-7:30pm

b, people's pavilion

09.26.26, 09.27.26 (sat, sun)
5:30-7:30pm

x, open cooking studio

every wed & fri 2-6pm

Explore How People With Different Religious and Cultural Food Practices Eat Together

Middle Ground: (Im)possible Kitchen

Dates Throughout September or By Arrangement

gmtc nyc, 210 Canal St. Rm 310

Could We Eat Together? — Participants Wanted

Middle Ground: (Im)possible Kitchen is an art project by Korean artist Minja Gu exploring how people with different religious and cultural food practices might eat together. This September at GMTc in Manhattan's Chinatown, the project will include participatory workshops, cooking sessions, and performances. Minja is looking for people to share personal experiences around food—including changing practices across families, religions, migration, or generations, as well as experiences of conflict, exclusion, or misunderstanding. You can develop recipes or take part in the programs, or simply share your story in a private one-on-one conversation with the artist. No cooking experience or specialized knowledge is required.



Join Spiritual Seekers, Storytellers, and Community Builders to Connect Spirituality with Justice

Spark Lab NYC: A Gathering to Ignite Stories of Faith and Justice

Thursday, September 24, 6:00-9:00 PM

Friday, September 25, 8:30 AM - 9:00 PM

Saturday, September 26, 8:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Riverside Church, 490 Riverside Dr.

Join us for a gathering to cultivate stories that connect spirituality with justice and seek the common good.

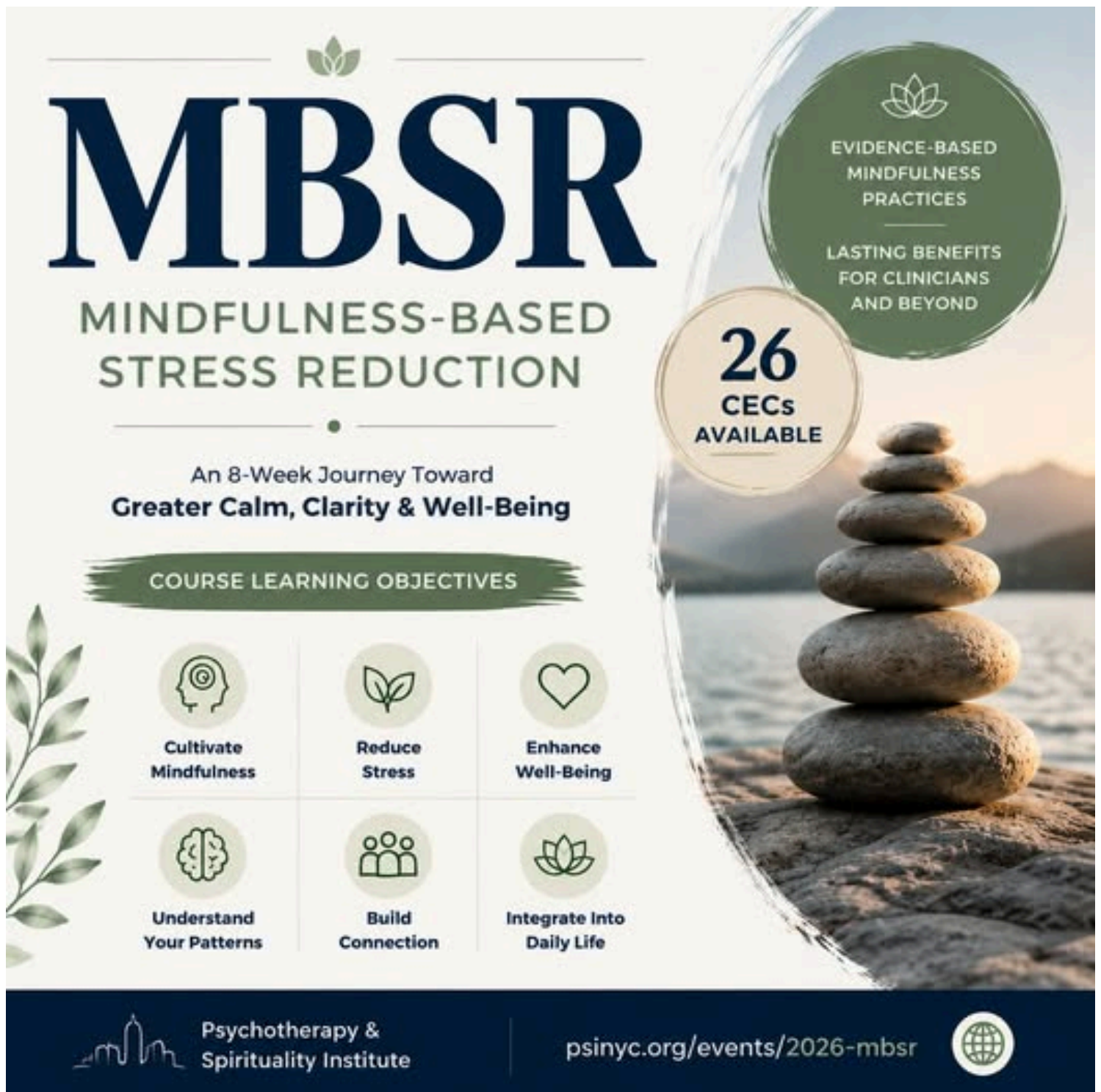
How do we tell stories of faith in a time of change, uncertainty, and new possibilities?

Join us for a gathering of spiritual seekers, storytellers, and community builders exploring how stories can nurture belonging, deepen justice, and open new pathways for faith. Together, we will cultivate practices of listening, reflection, and storytelling that honor the diverse ways people encounter the sacred in their lives.

Grounded in a multivocal approach to storytelling, this gathering takes seriously the four gospel endings as distinct invitations into the life of faith: Mark's trembling, Matthew's going, Luke's staying, and John's following. Rather than seeking a single narrative, we will explore how these different postures illuminate the many ways faith is lived, questioned, embodied, and shared.

This gathering is a collaboration between The Riverside Church and the Center for Faith and Justice, bringing together people from diverse backgrounds who are committed to cultivating stories that inspire courage, connection, and the common good. Speakers include Ira Glass, Kristin Du Mez, Priya Parker, Pádraig Ó Tuama, and Lisa Sharon Harper.

Tickets

A promotional poster for an 8-week MBSR course. The background features a serene landscape with a body of water, mountains, and a stack of balanced stones. A large, stylized 'M' and 'S' are visible on the right side. The text is arranged in a clean, modern layout with various icons and callouts.

MBSR

MINDFULNESS-BASED STRESS REDUCTION

An 8-Week Journey Toward
Greater Calm, Clarity & Well-Being

COURSE LEARNING OBJECTIVES

 Cultivate Mindfulness	 Reduce Stress	 Enhance Well-Being
 Understand Your Patterns	 Build Connection	 Integrate Into Daily Life

26 CECs AVAILABLE

EVIDENCE-BASED MINDFULNESS PRACTICES
LASTING BENEFITS FOR CLINICIANS AND BEYOND

 Psychotherapy & Spirituality Institute

psinyc.org/events/2026-mbsr 

8-Week Mindfulness-Based Stress Reduction Training

Virtual MBSR Training for Mental Health Professionals

September 30 - November 18, Plus Orientation and Retreat Dates

Wednesdays, 2:00-4:30 PM

Registration is open for the Psychotherapy & Spirituality Institute's fall 2026 MBSR course, offering 26 CECs. Early bird discount available through September 2.

MBSR for Clinicians is an opportunity for participants to have a direct experience of the MBSR curriculum for personal practice and provides a foundation for those clinicians interested in incorporating techniques of mindfulness into their clinical practices/settings. This course meets the prerequisite for those who are interested in entering the pathway to become MBSR teachers themselves.

Course learning objectives:

1. Develop the ability to cope more effectively with both short-term and long-term stressful situations, gaining an understanding of how to respond rather than react.
2. Learn a collection of informal and formal meditation and mindfulness practices and cultivate a system to integrate them into your everyday life.
3. Improve focus, resilience, and capacity to recover quickly from challenging events.
4. Cultivate greater balance, ease, and peace of mind. 5. Practice and apply mindfulness techniques in both personal and professional settings to effectively manage the demands of life and to increase positive and peaceful communication.

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