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Dear Friends of NYDIS:

Here is the latest edition of NYDISnet--our bi-weekly e-newsletter provided as a service to our members, program partners, and the broader faith community. We hope this resource and communication tool will keep you updated about NYDIS and developments within the emergency preparedness and disaster response community.

We also hope that friends, clergy and congregations will feel free to copy and distribute any information from NYDISnet for educational purposes or use in your newsletter or worship bulletin. When appropriate, please credit NYDIS as the source.

Faithfully, Peter

Peter B. Gudaitis, M.Div.
Executive Director & CEO

NYDIS Provides Information on Tsunami Response

In response to the devastation caused by the Indian Ocean Tsunami, NYDIS has compiled a resource list of faith-based agencies that are collecting donations and providing relief services to the survivors of the Dec. 26 disaster. Relief agency profiles and additional information is posted as a **NYDISnet Alert** on our website at www.nydis.org, and is updated on a regular basis. While we are a local NYC agency and do not provide international relief, our expertise and technical assistance has been sought out and we will continue to provide information and support.

For information or to contribute information to our tsunami **NYDISnet Alert**, please contact: Susan Lockwood, 212-669-6104, slockwood@nydis.org.

Congrats to Lutheran World Relief and Partner Agencies



According to the Jan. 17 edition of Newsweek magazine, some \$340 million has been raised privately for tsunami relief. The magazine has issued a "donors beware" warning about the practices of some agencies who spend big bucks on overhead costs rather than turning the money into direct aid. The magazine compiled a list of 10 agencies with grades, percentages spent on program services, and the cost to raise \$100 provided by the American Institute of Philanthropy. Lutheran World Relief was given an A+ rating for spending 90% of its funds on direct relief with promises to move to 100%, for its "great track record," and for keeping the cost to \$3 to raise every \$100.

Other top-rated faith-based relief agencies included: American Friends Service Committee, Catholic Relief Services, Christian Children's Fund, Church World Service, MAP International, Mennonite Central Committee, Samaritan's Purse, World Concern, and World vision. Other NYDIS member and partner agencies were not rated on the website.

For information, go to:
www.msnbc.msn.com/id/6808566/site/newsweek
www.lwr.org

To share news or information, or to distribute NYDISnet to your agency, clergy or congregational list, contact:

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Two Manhattan Churches Award Grants to Roundtable

Just in time for the holidays, NYDIS was awarded two new grants for our work with 9/11 victims and recovery workers: \$60,000 from the 9/11 Partnership Fund of the Madison Avenue Presbyterian Church and \$10,900 from Riverside Church. The funds are designated for cash assistance through the NYC 9/11 Unmet Needs Roundtable.

The Roundtable is the only remaining cash assistance resource for caseworkers seeking funding for 9/11 victims. Since its inception in March 2002, the Roundtable through NYDIS, its members and other metro NYC social service agencies has provided over \$3.8 million in cash assistance grants, food and clothing vouchers as well as referrals and reimbursement for mental health care and other services.

For information, go to:
www.nydis.org

NYC 9/11 Unmet Needs Roundtable Sets Upcoming Meetings

The next three meetings of the NYC 9/11 Unmet Needs Roundtable will be:

- 9:30 am - Thursday, January 20, 2005
- 9:30 am - Thursday, February 3, 2005
- 9:30 am - Thursday, February 17, 2005

Caseworkers who have questions, emergency cases or wish to present should contact Roundtable Moderator, Theresa Hui, 212-669-6107, thui@nydis.org.

Where to Refer 9/11 Victims for Case Management

Over 80 social services agencies providing resources and case management for 9/11 victims have closed their operations. The following agencies are the last to continue to have case management capacity and the ability to service new clients.

- Catholic Charities ? Archdiocese of New York
Julie Andrade: (212) 371-1011 ext. 2096
- Catholic Charities ? Diocese of Brooklyn (and Queens)
Lester Szymanski: (718) 337-6590
- Islamic Circle of North America - Relief
General: (718) 523-5100
Special Needs and Referrals for mental health related cases
- Lutheran Social Services ? Project Life
General: 1-800-729-9209
Elba Felix/Marc Herstein: (212) 748-3521/3520
- The Salvation Army World Trade Center Recovery Program
Diana DoSantos: (718) 523-3315 ext. 15
Email: diana_dosantos@salvationarmy-wtc.org

- United Methodist Committee on Relief
General: (212) 870-8988
Will accept new clients until 2/28/05
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Wellness Workshop Scheduled for Brooklyn Imams

A workshop designed for Imams will be held Sunday, Febr.14, 9:30 am-4 pm, at the Muslim Youth Center, Brooklyn, NY. Participants will be introduced to Integrative Psychoeducation (IPE), an intervention that utilizes a combination of education and therapy to facilitate care. The aim of the workshop is to familiarize clergy with IPE, to enhance community strength and resiliency, and to develop partnerships with mental health professionals.

Among the topics being covered are: recognizing signs of family violence, counseling parents of adolescents dealing with the often traumatic adaptation to a new culture, grief and bereavement, as well as coping with compassion fatigue. The workshops will also include an overview of basic counseling skills and a discussion of the referral process to mental health professionals.

This workshop is sponsored by The Center for Family Education & Resilience at New York State Psychiatric Institute, The Muslim Youth Center, Islamic Relief, Lutheran Medical Center, Healthy Connections & Family Support Center, and is funded through The September 11th Fund.

This workshop will be limited to 30 participants.

Please contact Janet Silverstein to register:
Phone: 212-543-5625
Fax: 212-543-5661
Email: silvers@pi.cpmc.columbia.edu

Winter Cycle of 9/11 Transitions Support Group Begins

NYDIS began the winter cycle of its 9/11 Transitions Support Group on Jan. 12, 2005. Staffed by the Psychotherapy & Spirituality Institute, the three-month program for transitioning or terminated 9/11 relief workers alternates between a series of intensive career development workshops and support groups addressing topics such as stress, challenges of ending services relationships and leaving the 9/11 community. Meetings take place on consecutive Wednesdays afternoons at 74 Trinity Place, Second Floor Parlor, 4-6 pm.



Registration remains open to any interested caseworker.

For information or to register, contact Theresa Hui, 212-669-6107, thui@nydis.org (All calls and inquiries are confidential) or check the NYDIS website at www.nydis.org/9-11recovery/4.htm or PSI website at www.mindspirit.org.

News from Our Member Agencies

- **Three Episcopal Clergy Trained as CISM Trainers**

The Rev. Thomas Faulkner, The Rev. Stephen Harding and the Rev. Canon Storm Swain from the Episcopal Diocese of New York Disaster Response Team are now certified to teach Critical Incident Stress Management. This approach to crisis response involves seven stages of intervention adaptable to individuals, families, small groups and organizations. CISM goals include setting expectations, improving coping and enhancing stress management after a disaster. CISM teams also facilitate symptom mitigation, facilitate psychological closure, assess mental status and return the individual, family or group system to a functional status if possible, or access a higher level of care.



If you are interested in learning more about CISM, or want to speak with one of the trainers, call Mark Hummell, 212-316-7426, or e-mail mhummell@dioceseny.org

- **D.Min. Students from Columbia Seminary Visit NYDIS Office**



Doctor of Ministry students from Columbia Theological Seminary (Presbyterian) in Atlanta, GA visited the NYDIS office on Tuesday, Jan. 11. They are in NYC for a class on Global Religious Violence through the Presbyterian Office of the UN. Ex. Dir. Peter Gudaitis and Dir. of Disaster Planning & Training Susan Lockwood met with the group and discussed NYDIS? 9/11 recovery and preparedness role as an interfaith disaster ministry agency. Jennifer Adams, Ex. Dir. of 9/11 Families Association, also met with the group and discussed the organization?s advocacy for the families of 9/11 victims and their education efforts.

Make a Gift to NYDIS



If you'd like to make a donation to assist NYDIS in its mission of providing faith-based disaster services, [click here](#), or send a check to NYDIS at 22 Cortlandt Street, 20th Flr, New York, NY 10007. Contributions are tax

deductible. It is a great way to honor or memorialize someone and we will send an acknowledgement of your gift.

To donate on line, go to the NYDIS homepage and click on "Make a Donation":

www.nydis.org

Mitigation & Preparedness Corner

- **Upcoming Programs:**

NYDIS office of Preparedness and Training is working to develop three mitigation and preparedness initiatives.

One initiative "Neighborhood Preparedness Training," is in partnership with Citizens for NYC and would train congregations and neighborhood groups in disaster preparedness and community resilience.

A second initiative involves developing a mechanism and training curriculum for houses of worship in partnership with NYC Office of Emergency Management to open houses of worship as Ready Receiving Centers in the event of a disaster.

The third initiative, which is almost complete, is the development of a secure web-based database and asset mapping tool for houses of worship and faith-based institutions in New York City. Part of the database will be networked with NYC Office of Emergency Management's GIS systems to forecast potential risk areas during natural hazards and to locate houses of worship in need of services or available to assist victims during emergencies.

We Recommend...

- For a list of faith-based agencies providing Tsunami disaster relief, go to our website at:
www.nydis.org
- For latest information on victim impact and relief response, go to the United Nations Joint Logistics Centre at:
www.unjlc.org/content/index.phtml/itemId/5478
- For responses from various faith traditions as to why bad things happen, check out:
www.beliefnet.com/story/158/story_15870_1.html
- For Winter Weather Information, check out the National Weather Service at:
www.nws.noaa.gov
- For a directory of programs/agencies and hotline to meet the needs of WTC victims, go to:
www.sept11help.org
Hotline: 866.689-HELP
- For 9/11 Mental Health and Substance Abuse Programs and Hotline:
800.543-3638 (English); 877.298-3373 (Spanish); 877.990-8585 (Asian); 212.982-5284 (TTY)
www.mhaofnyc.org