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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

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NYC Considers first Backlash Mitigation Legislation in U.S.

The Sikh Coalition in partnership with NYC Council member David Weprin (D-Queens) has authored the nation's first Backlash Mitigation bill. The bill is one of two bias related bills drafted by the Sikh Coalition and presented to the City Council on Wednesday, Feb. 17. The bills are being sponsored by a coalition of the city's ethnic, religious, interfaith, immigrant and civil rights organizations including NYDIS.

The first bill will require the city to create a plan to mitigate backlash hate violence in the face of catastrophic public emergencies, such as Sept. 11. The second bill will ban discrimination in city agencies on the basis of religious headdress, such as the hijab, turban or yarmulke.

To date 12 of New York City Council's 50 council members have signed on as cosponsors of the bills. In the coming weeks, the Sikh Coalition and partner agencies will lead efforts to garner additional support for the bills.

For more info, go to: www.sikhcoalition.org

For updates and status of the bill, go to:
www.nycouncil.info/issues/search.cfm?ACT=SEARCH

Public Forum To Be Held on Distribution of 9/11 Recovery Funds

A public forum will be held March 16, 5:30-8:30 pm, at University Settlement, 184 Eldridge Street, to discuss the distribution of public funds given to NYC to aide the recovery of communities in Lower Manhattan impacted by the attacks of Sept. 11. So far \$2.7 billion of the designated federal 9/11 recovery money has been spent, but low income communities have yet to benefit directly. The forum will share a positive vision of how the remaining \$850 million can be spent to address unmet needs that will rebuild lives and revitalize communities. Those scheduled to speak include City Council member Alan J. Gerson as well as religious and community leaders. Aarti Shahani of Families for Freedom will moderate. Sponsoring groups include NYDIS, The Labor Community Action Network (LCAN), and

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Rebuild with a Spotlight on the Poor Coalition.

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Saint Peter's at CitiCorp Plaza Hosting Art Show & 9/11 Tribute

Saint Peter's Lutheran Church, 54th St and Lexington Ave, Manhattan, will host an exhibit of artwork that pays tribute to the patron saints of those killed on Sept. 11. The exhibit runs March 10-April 17, 7 am-11 pm. An artist's reception will be held March 10, 6-8 pm for Episcopalian artist and sculptor John Collier of Dallas whose works comprise the exhibit, "Catholic Memorial at Ground Zero." Collier sculpted St.



Sculpture of St. Florian

Florian, the patron saint of firefighters (pictured on the right); St. Michael, the patron saint of police officers; St. Joseph, the patron saint of workers; and Mary Magdalene, the first to witness the empty tomb after Jesus' resurrection. The artwork was commissioned as a Sept. 11 memorial for St. Joseph's Parish of Saint Peter's Church, a Catholic parish near Ground Zero.

For information about the exhibit, contact Pastor Amandus Derr, 212-935-2200 or Wendy Healy, 203-744-6367, wendy@ldrny.org

For more information about the artist and his work, go to: www.pbs.org/wnet/religionandethics/week701/profile.html

Ongoing NYDIS Programs

- **9/11 Transitions Support Group Winter Cycle Continues**



The winter cycle of NYDIS' 9/11 Transitions Support Group began Jan. 12 and will continue through the end of March. 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 service relationships and leaving the 9/11 community. Meetings take place on consecutive Wednesday afternoons at 74 Trinity Place, Second Floor Parlor, 4-6 pm.

Registration remains open to any interested caseworker.

To register, contact Theresa Hui, 212-669-6107, thui@nydis.org

(All calls and inquiries are confidential)

For more info, check out: www.nydis.org/9-11recovery/4.htm or PSI website at www.mindspirit.org

- **NYC 9/11 Unmet Needs Roundtable Sets Upcoming Sessions**

The NYC 9/11 Roundtable will meet:
9:30 am - Thursday, March 3
9:30 am - Thursday, March 17
9:30 am - Thursday, March 31

Caseworkers who have questions, emergency cases or wish to present should contact Roundtable Moderator, Theresa Hui, 212-669-

Maikish to Coordinate WTC Construction



JPMorgan Chase & Co. real estate executive Charles Maikish, the bank's executive vice president of global real estate, was named to head the Lower Manhattan Construction Command Center. He led the rebuilding of the World Trade Center towers after the 1993 bombing, and will coordinate all major construction in Lower Manhattan, public and private, Governor George Pataki and Mayor Michael Bloomberg announced.

Maikish will control a master schedule involving any project worth more than \$25 million below Canal Street and southwest of Rutgers Street, the statement said. The area includes the site of the World Trade Center. Under that timeline established by Pataki and Bloomberg, a memorial to Sept. 11 victims and a skyscraper called Freedom Tower, designed to be the tallest in the Western Hemisphere, are to be completed by 2009. The 16-acre trade center site is to be fully rebuilt by 2015.

In addition, officials have said the demolition of the toxin-laden Deutsche Bank Building just south of the trade center site, and the foundation work for the Freedom Tower are to start by midyear.

To contact the reporter on this story: David M. Levitt, 212-893-4765, dlevitt@bloomberg.net

For more information, go to www.renewnyc.com

From Our Members and Partners

- **LDRNY offers Ready-2-Go Bags**



To help families, houses of worship and people in the workplace better prepare for a disaster or an emergency, LDRNY is offering Ready-2-Go disaster-preparedness bags. The red standard backpack is filled with more than 50 items to help a person survive in the first 24

hours following a disaster or emergency. The 12-inch-by-15-inch-by-5-inch water-repellent bag contains items for safety, first aid, personal hygiene and vital information. Items include a flashlight, water, energy bar, whistle, rain poncho, Mylar blanket, hand-warmer packet, radio and compass, first-aid kit, toothbrush, hand-sanitizers, ID holder, DNA/fingerprint kit, pen and pad, and more. The suggested contribution for the Go Bag is \$75 each.

For information or to obtain a Go Bag: 1-866-864-1600 or www.LDRNY.org

- **NYDIS Staff and Board Member Attend OEM Training**

Ex. Dir. Peter Gudaitis, Dir. of Planning & Training Susan Lockwood, and LDRNY Ex. Dir. John Scibilia attended a day-long instructor's training at the NYC Office of Emergency Management to learn how to teach Ready New York --OEM's disaster preparedness curriculum. The presentation is part of a city-wide campaign that focuses on personal



and family preparedness. Any faith community, congregation or agency interested in the training should contact The Rev. Susan Lockwood, 212.669-6104, slockwood@nydis.org

- **NYDIS Providing Clergy Groups and Faith Community Trainings**

The Rev. Susan Lockwood, Dir. of Disaster Planning & Training, recently gave presentations on faith-based and interfaith disaster ministry at three recent events: the New York Annual Conference—United Methodist Church’s Long Island Leadership Conference on Jan. 29, at Cedar International Fellowship in Brooklyn on Feb. 12, and at a Mental Health Training for Brooklyn Imams on Feb. 13. She also provided training to an association of Brooklyn churches, Churches United to Save and Heal (CUSH) that were formed in response to 9/11.

If your agency, congregation, or faith community would like training in personal/family, congregational/agency or community preparedness, please contact The Rev. Susan Lockwood, 212.669-6104, slockwood@nydis.org

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

- **Emergency Preparedness Advice**



Emergency preparedness is as simple as planning ahead. It’s easy and inexpensive for anyone. Go over the checklists below with your household to determine how you can take control of an emergency. Check and update your kits when you change your clocks during daylight-saving times. Make sure they are complete and ready to go.

	What to Have in Your Head: Household Disaster Plan (and Emergency Reference Card)
	What to Have in Your Hand: Go Bag
	What to Have in Your Home: Emergency Supply Kit

What Else You Can Do to Prepare Your Household For Emergencies:

Use the websites and phone numbers listed in [more resources](#) to learn about more ways to protect yourself and your

household in an emergency

Take a first-aid or Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) class to learn how to help family and neighbors if they are injured.

Install smoke and carbon monoxide detectors in all areas of your home and check them regularly to make sure they are working.

Install fire extinguishers in your home and make sure all household members know where they are and how to use them.

Change batteries in smoke and carbon monoxide detectors and check on emergency supplies twice a year during daylight-saving times.

For more information, go to:

www.nyc.gov/html/oem/html/readynewyork/preparedness.html

- **Church World Service Preparedness Guide**



For additional preparedness resources, check out Church World Service's training guidebook at:

www.cwserp.org/training/guidebook/toc.php

- **Preparedness Guide for Jewish Organizations**

The Jewish Community Relations Council has a preparedness guide for Jewish organizations. For information and to order, go to:

www.jcrcny.org/html/security.html

We Recommend...

- For the latest case management and mental health resources available, check out The NYDIS website - we post updated lists of 9/11 resources at: www.nydis.org/9-11recovery/9.htm
- For the latest developments on the construction of the WTC, go to: www.renewnyc.com
- For the latest news on disasters, go to Disaster News at: www.disasternews.net