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NYDIS Hosts Clergy & Former WOW Workers Meeting



NYDIS is hosting an information meeting for clergy with former WTC Windows On the World workers Wednesday, March

16, 9-10 am, at the Restaurant Opportunities Center (ROC-NY), 99 Hudson Street 3rd floor. Former WOW workers along with other restaurant workers formed ROC-NY after 9/11 to aid displaced restaurant workers, to assist family members of those killed in the attack, and to advocate for justice in the restaurant industry. The group will be announcing the opening of a co-op restaurant, presenting their campaign for restaurant reforms, and asking for faith-based support for their struggle for justice.

Check out ROC NY 's recently released report: *Behind the Kitchen Door: Pervasive Inequality in New York City's Thriving Restaurant Industry* at www.rocny.org/documents/RocNY_final_compiled.pdf

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NYDIS Co-Sponsors Forum on Distribution of 9/11 Funds

A public forum will be held Wednesday, 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 Lower Manhattan communities impacted by the Sept. 11 attacks. So far half of the \$2.7 billion designated federal 9/11 recovery money has

Without A Trace:

Half of \$2.7 billion of 9/11 recovery money has already been spent
\$0 spent on low-income residents of Lower Manhattan



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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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been spent, but low income communities have yet to benefit directly. Governor Pataki has instructed the Lower Manhattan Development Corporation (LMDC), which is overseeing the distribution of these funds, to listen to the public, and then decide by March 31 how to spend the remaining money.

The forum is an opportunity for community voices to be heard and to 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, The Rev. Dr. Henrietta Carter of Mariners Baptist Temple, The Rev. Robert Hoffman of Community of Hope, Father Kevin Madigan of St. Peter's Church, Rabbi Jonathan Glass of Civic Center Synagogue, and The Rev. William Grant of Tribeca Spiritual Center, as well as other community leaders. Aarti Shahani of Families for Freedom will moderate.

Sponsoring groups include NYDIS, The Labor Community Action Network (LCAN), and Rebuild with a Spotlight on the Poor Coalition. Child care is available and a free dinner will be catered by former Windows on the World Workers.

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Interfaith Service to Honor 9/11 Victims, Pay Tribute to Medical Examiner's Office; NYDIS Sponsors Reception

On behalf of our member partners, NYDIS is sponsoring a reception for 9/11 families and guests following an interfaith prayer service for all of the 9/11 families and the 1161 victims for whom the NYC Medical Examiner's office could not find bodily remains. Remembrances and a tribute to the NYCME's will be held Sunday, April 3, at 2:00 pm in the Church of St. Francis of Assisi Church, 135 W. 31st. St, Manhattan. The service will be limited to immediate family members and those with close relationships to the victims.

The service will be led by a rabbi, a Buddhist monk, an imam, a minister and Father Brian Jordan, a priest from St. Francis and a chaplain at the WTC site. Several family members will also share brief reflections. The service will close with a tribute to all the staff members of the NYCME's office who offered compassion and professionalism during these past three and one half years.

For info, check out:

www.wtcufg.org

NYDIS Sponsors Auburn Seminary Trauma Training for Clergy



Auburn Theological Seminary is offering a course for clergy to create a deeper understanding of trauma, its consequences, and effective pastoral healing responses. The class will meet Monday, April 4 & 18, 10 am-4:30 pm. Course topics include: recognizing trauma; acute stress reaction and post traumatic stress disorder; The Lament, Hidden Key to Effective Listening; Integration of Emotion with Spirit; The Gestalt Healing Sequence; Finding

Meaning in a World of Terrorism; The Exodus Process as a Metaphor for Transformation; The Role of Ritual and Prayer in Healing from the Trauma of Personal and Professional Mistakes. Teaching methods will be didactic and experiential including focusing, narrative medicine, bibliodrama, text study, role play, and verbatims.

The course will be co-taught by Barry Bub and Rabbi Goldie Milgram with a presentation by NYDIS Director of Planning & Training, The Rev. Susan Lockwood.

The course will cost \$195. Partial scholarships for under-funded clergy are available through NYDIS.

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NYDIS Holds Symposium for People of Color Who Served at Ground Zero

A symposium for people of color who served at ground zero will be held Tuesday, April 5, 9:00 am-1:00 pm, at NYU's Kimmel Center, 10th Floor, 60 Washington Square South. The Rev. Alfonso Wyatt, Vice President of the Fund for the City of NY, is the convener of the symposium which will focus on creating spiritual and psychological resilience. The program will include presentations from Dr. Mindy T. Fullilove, Dr. Derek Suite, and Dr. Grace Yun. There will be time for discussion and for participants to speak and bear witness to their experiences. The symposium is free but space is limited so reservations are requested.

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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 p.m.

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 17

9:30 am – Thursday, March 31

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

Save the Date for Upcoming NYDIS Conferences

- Civil Liberties Conference
April 21, 8:30 am-1 pm, NYU's Kimmel Center

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- 2005 Disaster Preparedness Summit for Clergy & Religious Leaders
May 17, 8:30 am-4 pm, NYU's Kimmel Center

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In the News: 9/11 Clean Up May Expand to Brooklyn

The New York Daily News has reported that the Environmental Protection Agency is considering extending its sampling plan into Brooklyn because of the thick cloud of toxic ash rain that came down on Brooklyn after the WTC attacks on 9/11. City Council member David Yassky said in the story: "The plume from the World Trade Center hung over a huge swath of Brooklyn for three solid months, distributing a steady stream of toxins." A final decision is to be announced this month.

For more info, go to: www.nydailynews.com

From Our Members and Partners

- **Community of Hope Sponsors Clergy Seminar**
Dr. Peter L. Steinke, author of Healthy Congregations: a systems approach, and nationally known church consultant, will be in NYC May 5 to lead a seminar for clergy on "Tending Self and Community During a Time of Anxiety". Ruth Yoder Wenger of STAR-NY will also make a presentation.

The seminar will run 9:30 am-2:30 pm and will cost \$12 including

lunch. Open to all NYC area clergy, the seminar is sponsored by Community of Hope-NYC, a ministry of the Metropolitan New York Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA), and will take place at Advent Lutheran Church, 93rd and Broadway, Manhattan.

For information or to register, go to:
www.communityofhope-nyc.org/programs.htm

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- **NCC Interfaith Relations Office Provides Guidelines for U.S. Churches Continuing Tsunami Relief Work**

The Rev. Dr. Shanta Premawardhana, National Council of Churches' Director of Interfaith Relations, has prepared guidelines for U.S. churches that want to continue to be engaged with Asians in rebuilding their communities. The guidelines ***Listening to, Learning from***



and Living into Asia's Pain were prepared in consultation with ecumenical leaders in Sri Lanka and Indonesia, and are informed by Premawardhana's own experiences as a native of Sri Lanka. He says "building relationships through religious institutions seems to be one of the best ways to maintain a continuing commitment." The guidelines include practical ways for churches to get involved, advocacy concerns, cautions about the use of money, background on Asian Christianity, and even several denomination-specific ideas.

To read the guidelines, go to:
www.nccusa.org/interfaith/churchguidelines-tsunami.html

- **St. Peter's at CitiCorp Plaza Hosting Art Show & 9/11 Tribute**



Sculpture of St. Florian

St. Peter's Lutheran Church, 54th St and Lexington Ave, Manhattan, is hosting 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." The artwork was commissioned as a Sept. 11 memorial for St. Joseph's Parish of St. Peter's Church, a Catholic parish near Ground Zero.

For information about the exhibit, contact:

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For more information about the artist and his work, go to:

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- **FEMA Schooling**

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has a number of free independent study courses that are available on line. Ken Curtin, FEMA Voluntary Agency Liaison, provided NYDIS with the following course recommendations:



These two are fundamental and important:

[IS-7 A Citizen's Guide to Disaster Assistance](#)

This outlines what help people can get from FEMA after a disaster. It's essential to have a knowledge of these programs internalized if you're going to be able to plan services and the coordination of services for needs beyond what FEMA/SBA can serve.

[IS-288 The Role of Voluntary Agencies in Emergency Management](#)

This focuses more on agencies than services and planning for recovery, but what it contains is true, and is also must-know stuff in outline of work.

These two take the mystery out of designing and holding your own disaster exercise:

[IS-120, An Orientation to Community Disaster Exercises](#)

[IS-139 Exercise Design](#)

This looks interesting. I haven't taken it:

[IS-235 Emergency Planning](#)

[IS-10 Animals in Disaster - Module A Awareness and Preparedness](#)

How animals in disaster are treated is often the key to human survival. It's essential for disaster human services people to know how important animal issues are.

[IS-244 Developing and Managing Volunteers](#)

This is a good volunteer management course, but isn't about managing spontaneous disaster volunteers.

These depend on your interests:

[IS-393 Introduction to Mitigation](#)

[IS-324 Community Hurricane Preparedness](#)

[IS-362 Multi-Hazard Emergency Planning for Schools](#)

[IS-394 Mitigation for Homeowners](#)

[IS-317 Introduction to Community Emergency Response Teams](#)

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www.fema.gov

