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Interfaith Service Honors 9/11 Victims and ME Office

"We will Never Forget", will be 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. The service will be held Sunday, April 3, at 2:00-3:45 pm in Manhattan at the Church of St. Francis of Assisi Church, 135 W. 31st. St (between 6th and 7th Avenues). A delegation of individuals representing the world religions will lead the prayer service, which will also feature members of the 9/11 community offering brief reflections, musical interludes and a tribute to the Medical Examiner and his staff.

The service is being coordinated by Father Brian Jordon of St. Francis, the Bill Doyle 9/11 Support Group and the World Trade Center United Family Group. A reception, cosponsored by NYDIS, will immediately follow the service at the Southgate Hotel (across from St. Francis) and will feature light refreshments.

Please Note: An RSVP is only required for the reception following the interfaith service. RSVP to WDOYLE5615@aol.com.

For info, check out: <http://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;



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Faithfully, Peter

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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.

For info or to register, contact: Auburn Seminary, 212-662-4315, www.auburnsem.org.

For scholarship info, contact: The Rev. Susan Lockwood, 212-669-6104, slockwood@nydis.org.

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.



See the event schedule and registration information online: www.nydis.org/resources/headlines/03-01-05.htm

For info or to rsvp, contact:
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St. Vincent's & St. Andrew's Co-Host Health Fair



St. Vincent Catholic Medical Center - World Trade Center Healing Services and the Church of St. Andrew will co-host a health fair **April 12, 2005**, at Police Plaza. Downtown residential, civic and business communities are invited to stop by and learn more about health related issues and the diverse health services that are provided with both traditional and alternative approaches.

Health care representatives from the Medical Center and other organizations will be available to assist anyone interested in learning more about traditional treatments for managing stress, blood pressure,


diabetes, nutrition, exercise, breast cancer and prostate cancer. Information will also be available for alternative treatments such as acupuncture, reiki, pet therapy, hypnosis, therapeutic art, qi gong and massage.

For more info, contact: Janice Cilento of Saint Vincent, 212-346-258, jcilento@svcmcnyc.org or check out www.svcmcnyc.org/wtc/office.asp.

Save the Date for Upcoming NYDIS Conferences

- **Civil Liberties Conference**
April 21, 8:30 am - 1 pm, NYU's Kimmel Center
For information, contact: Daniel H. Bush, 212-669-6105, dbush@nydis.org.
 - **2005 Disaster Preparedness Summit for Clergy & Religious Leaders**
May 17, 8:30 am-4 pm, NYU's Kimmel Center
For information, contact: The Rev. Susan Lockwood, 212-669-6104, slockwood@nydis.org.
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Ongoing NYDIS Programs

- **9/11 Transitions Support Group to End March 30**
 NYDIS' 9/11 Transitions Support Group, which began the spring of 2004, will close at the end of the winter cycle on March 30. Staffed by the Psychotherapy & Spirituality Institute, the three-month program for transitioning or terminated 9/11 relief workers has alternated 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 9/11 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 Schedules Upcoming Sessions**

The NYC 9/11 Roundtable will meet:

9:30 am – **Thursday, March 31**

9:30 am – **Thursday, April 14, 28**

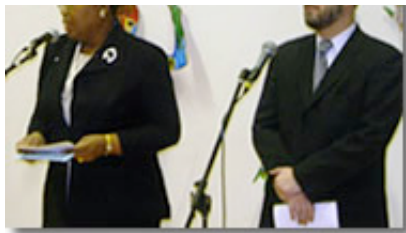
Caseworkers who have questions, emergency cases or wish to present should contact Roundtable Moderator, Theresa Hui, 212-669-6107, thui@nydis.org.

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

Last Wednesday, March 16, NYDIS helped to co-sponsor a public forum



titled "Without a Trace" on the distribution of public funds given to NYC to aide the recovery of Lower Manhattan communities impacted by the Sept. 11 attacks. The forum outlined a positive vision of how the remaining \$850 million can be spent to address unmet needs that will rebuild lives and revitalize communities.



Two news stories are below. If you are interested in joining the advocacy efforts please contact Daniel H. Bush, 212.669.6105, dbush@nydis.org.

To read more on this event, go to:

www.downtownexpress.com/de_97/debateoverdowntown.html

www.disasternews.net/news/news.php?articleid=2586

Post-9/11 Trauma Lingers



A recent news article on the Disaster News Network reports that NY mental health professionals are still treating New Yorkers for trauma resulting from 9/11, and believe there is a need for ongoing counseling in the foreseeable future.

To read the article, go to:

www.disasternews.net/news/news.php?articleid=2580

From Our Members and Partners

- **September 11th Families Association Staff Go to Japan**



Jennifer Adams, Lee Ielpi and Barbara Horn from the September 11th Families Association have been invited to attend a symposium for the 10 year anniversary of the Subway Sarin gas attack in Tokyo. A dozen people died and many others still suffer the ill effects of the gas. Organized by Mrs. Takahasi whose husband was killed in the incident, the symposium will evaluate the continuing health effects & measures taken to fight terrorism.

While in Japan, the three will also meet with families who lost loved ones on 9/11 and deliver a letter of hope and inspiration from Mayor Bloomberg to Sister City Tokyo.

For more info, go to:

www.911families.org

- **NCCUSA Offers Bulletin Inserts on Tsunami Anniversary**

Saturday, March 26, is the three-month anniversary of the tsunami. Three-month anniversaries are meaningful occasions in many religious traditions and this anniversary will be commemorated by a variety of religious traditions.



For Christians, it is significant that this awful event occurred on the day after Christmas and the three month anniversary falls on the day before Easter. Holy Saturday can have a whole new set of meanings as a day of silent waiting, listening to the voices of pain,

openness to holy mystery and expectation of a new life and renewal to come.

NCCUSA has posted a bulletin insert that can be used during the Good Friday through Easter Sunday weekend.

To download the bulletin insert, go to:
www.nccusa.org/pdfs/AsiaPainBulletinInsert.pdf.

For guidelines for US churches engaged in Tsunami areas, go to:
www.faithfulamerica.org.

- **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, or contact: Pastor Rip Hoffman 212.669-6115, kantonen@aol.com

- **Don't Go without your Go Bag**



LDRNY is sending information to churches and schools about ordering a Go Bag. 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. 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 \$70 each, plus \$7.50 shipping/handling.

For info or to purchase A Go Bag, call LDRNY at 1-866-864-1600, or go to www.LDRNY.org, click on the red logo on the homepage.

Preparedness Corner

Schedule Your Congregation, School or Agency Preparedness Training

NYDIS staff Peter Gudaitis and Susan Lockwood, along with John Scibilia, Lutheran Disaster Response of NY (LDRNY), have been trained by the NYC Office of Emergency Management as instructors for the *Ready New York Campaign*, a city-wide effort to prepare all New Yorkers for emergencies. The cornerstone of the campaign is a comprehensive household preparedness guide that offers tips and information about a wide range of potentially hazardous situations New Yorkers may face.



Already NYDIS has scheduled its first Ready New York training for **April 17, 1 pm**, at Beraca Baptist Church, 9602 Flatlands Ave. in Brooklyn.

NYDIS or LDRNY is ready to offer a one-hour didactic presentation for members of your congregation, school, agency or community. To schedule a training date, call or email The Rev. Susan Lockwood, Director of Disaster Planning & Training, to schedule a training date: 212.669-6104, slockwood@nydis.org.

For more info on Ready New York, go to:
www.nyc.gov/html/oem/html/readynewyork/ready_guide.html

Disaster Job Opportunities

- Faithful Response, a program made possible by LDRNY and Catholic Charities, seeks a full-time **administrative assistant** for a new and innovative one-year program with the possibility for a second-year extension. Must be well organized, compassionate; possess excellent written and oral communication skills, and proficient with the Microsoft Office Suite. Office is located in North Bellmore, Long Island. Annual salary is \$25,000 with benefits. Send resume to faithfulresponse@ldrny.org.
 - **Emergency Medical Technicians (EMT)** are needed in New York City. For more information, contact the Met Council Career Services, 212-453-9549, careercenter@metcouncil.org.
 - The September 11th Families' Association is accepting resumes for the positions of **Project Director, Project Manager and Development Director** for the Tribute Visitors Center. For brief job descriptions and further instructions, www.911families.org.
 - September Space is looking for a **Program Manager: Trauma Prevention, Reduction and Disaster Preparation**. Send cover letter, resume along with salary history, and three references to admin@septemberspace.org.
 - The Sikh Coalition has an immediate job opening for **NYC Sikh Community Advocate**. To apply for the position, please send your resume, a brief statement on why you are interested and how you can help, and your employment and salary history to: jobs@sikhcoalition.org or fax to 815-346-2803. For more info and to download an application, go to: www.sikhcoalition.org/Volunteer.asp.
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We Recommend...

- The Sikh Next Door is a new educational project developed for 6th-12th graders that includes a 15 minute DVD featuring Sikh youth describing their religion. For info, go to: www.sikhnextdoor.org.
- View the Virtual Binder from the NCR Conference on Emergency Preparedness for People with Disabilities at www.nod.org/emergency.
- For case management and mental health resources, go to: www.nydis.org/9-11recovery/9.htm.
- Take a look at Community Guidelines For Developing A Spontaneous Volunteer Plan. Illinois Office of Homeland Security.

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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