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UPCOMING NYDIS EVENTS

NYDIS Announces Second Annual Clergy Summit May 17

NYDIS' Second Annual Clergy Summit on Disaster Preparedness will host 250 clergy on **Tuesday, May 17, 8:30 am-4 pm**, at NYU Kimmel Center, 60 Washington Square South.

The day-long event is divided into two sections. **Participants may choose to attend half a day or the entire day.** The morning will begin with registration and a free continental breakfast at 8:30 am, followed by a Morning Plenary, 9 am-noon. The afternoon will begin at noon with a free buffet lunch, followed by Training Workshops, 1-3:30 pm and concluding with refreshments and a time for networking from 3:30-4 pm.

Joseph Bruno, Commissioner, NYC Office of Emergency Management, and **Lloyd Sederer, M.D., Executive Deputy Commissioner**, Dept. of Health and Mental Hygiene, will address the Morning Plenary on the Summit theme: Claiming our Place/ Making a Difference. Perspectives from various faith communities will be presented by Rabbi Zahara Davidowitz-Farkas, Disaster Spiritual Care Services—NY; The Rev. Khader El-Yateem, Pastor, Salam Arabic Lutheran Church; Sarah Sayeed, Assistant Professor of Communications, Baruch College; Amardeep Singh, Executive Director, Sikh Coalition.

Workshops will carry forward the theme Claiming Our Place/Making Difference in identifying five unique roles clergy/religious leaders play in disaster ministry—As Chaplains & Spiritual Caregivers; As Leaders of Houses of Worship & Communities; As Builders of Peace; As Models of Self-Care; As Partners in Mental Health.

A full list of workshop leaders and a description of each workshop as well as registration materials will be available on the NYDIS website starting Friday, April 22.

There is no charge for the Summit. However, we do request reservations by May 10 so that we may be hospitable hosts. Participants may register on-line, by phone, fax, or email. Registration forms may be downloaded from our website or are available by contacting the Summit



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Welcome to NYDISnet, our bi-weekly e-newsletter. We hope this resource will keep you updated about NYDIS and developments in disaster readiness, response and recovery initiatives that impacts the faith communities, our agencies and our partners.

Please feel free to copy and share any information from NYDISnet you find helpful, simply credit us as the source when appropriate.

Faithfully, Peter

Peter B. Gudaitis, M.Div.
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For Summit info and registration, go to:

www.nydis.org/resources/headlines/04-22-05.php

NYDIS & DPO Sponsor Dialog for Chaplains & MH Providers



On **Tuesday, May 24, 9:00 am-1:00 pm**, NYDIS in partnership with Disaster Psychiatry Outreach is holding a dialog for chaplains and mental health providers who served at Ground Zero. The event will be held at NYU's Kimmel Center, 60 Washington Square South, and will offer presentations from each field with significant time given to engage in in-depth discussion. Join us for reflection, experiential sharing and working toward greater interdisciplinary partnering. The event is free and breakfast and lunch will be provided. Reservations are requested and can be made on line or by fax, (212)669-6101.

Featured Speakers include:

- **TODD ESSIG, PH.D.**
Fellow and Supervising Psychoanalyst, William Alanson White Institute
Clinical Assistant Professor of Psychiatry, New York Medical College
Founder and Director, The Psychoanalytic Connection
Chair, Board of Directors, New York Disaster Counseling Coalition
- **THE REVEREND T. KENJITSU NAKAGAKI**
Head Resident Minister, New York Buddhist Church - Jodoshinshu (Shin Buddhist) Temple
Chairperson, BCA Eastern District Buddhist Ministers Associations
President, Buddhist Council of New York
UCM Buddhist Chaplain, Columbia University

For registration form or to register on line, go to:

www.nydis.org/resources/headlines/04-20-05.php

For Information, contact:

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New York Disaster Interfaith Services
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UPCOMING COMMUNITY/PARTNER AGENCY EVENTS

LMDC Invites Public Comment on Remaining CDBG Funds

The Lower Manhattan Development Corporation (LMDC) has announced that it is inviting public comment on how to spend \$735 million in

remaining 9/11 recovery Community Development Block Grants (CDBG). The public hearing will be held on **Wednesday, April 27, 6 pm**, at U.S. Customs House, 1 Bowling Green. The LDMC drafted a proposed plan listing several priorities including building a memorial and developing the WTC site, as well as creating a \$6 billion transport link from Lower Manhattan to JFK Airport. Some groups, including NYDIS, have supported community efforts advocating that the money be used for small businesses, housing, health care, and job training facilities.

LMDC has placed its Draft Funding Allocation Plan on its website, and will continue to receive public comments until May 1.

To view LMDC's plan, go to:

www.renewnyc.com/participate/public_dialog.asp

To read Daniel Bush's commentary in the downtown express, go to:

www.downtownexpress.com/de_102/equityandfaith.html

Community of Hope Sponsors Clergy Self-Care Seminar

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



The seminar will be held 9:30 am-2:30 pm at Advent Lutheran Church 93rd and Broadway, Manhattan. It is open to all NYC area clergy and will cost \$12 including lunch. It is sponsored by Community of Hope-NYC, a ministry of the Metropolitan New York Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA).

For information or to register, contact:

Pastor Rip Hoffman

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or go to: www.communityofhope-nyc.org/programs.htm

Briefing on 9/11 Memorial Projects Set for May 5



The Municipal Art Society is sponsoring the fourth and final briefing in a series of public forums entitled Engaging Lower Manhattan: Remembrance and Interpretation on **Thursday, May 5, 6-8 pm** at St. John's University Lower Manhattan campus, 101

Murray St, between Greenwich and West Sts. The briefing will involve a discussion by organizations representing three different types of memorial projects: temporary memorials, permanent memorials, and artifacts of the events.

For info, contact:

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or go to: www.mas.org

SUNY Disaster Mental Health Institute Hosts Conference

The Disaster Mental Health Institute at SUNY New Paltz is offering a conference on Helping in a Time of Crisis **Friday, May 6, 9 am-4:30 pm**. The conference, which highlights best practices in disaster mental health, is open to social service and mental health professionals, teachers, emergency responders, clergy, students, and community members.

For info, contact:

Janine Colucci

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or go to:

www.newpaltz.edu/psychology

To register, call: 845-257-3033, 8:30 am-4:30 pm

From Our Members and Partners

- **NYDIS Offers Training to Brooklyn House of Worship**



The Rev. Susan Lockwood, Director of Planning & Training, presented NYC OEM's Ready New York Training to 75 members of Beraca Baptist Church in Brooklyn, on Sunday, April 17. The church's Health Ministry team sponsored the training and is following up with workshop participants to assist them with putting together the various items needed for personal preparedness—what to have in your head, hand, household and heart. **Pastor Mullery Jean-Pierre has set the example** for his congregation by putting together his own personal go-bag after a presentation he heard Rev. Lockwood give at a CUSH (Churches United for Saving and Healing) meeting in December.

For info on NYDIS training programs, contact:

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- **Lutheran Counseling Center Director Announces Retirement**

Ausma Mursch, Lutheran Counseling Center Executive Director for the past ten years, has announced her retirement effective Nov. 30, 2005. Ausma has made substantial contributions to the field of Disaster Spiritual Care and Self-Care. She is currently writing a chapter in a forthcoming Spiritual Care Manual that NYDIS is producing and will release this summer as a quick reference guide for clergy and religious leaders.



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



Go Bags are available from **LDRNY**. 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.

Disaster Preparedness Corner

To be disaster ready, having the latest information is essential. For information on hazards, such as weather conditions, as well as tips and useful information, visit the NYC Office of Emergency Management website regularly and sign up to be on their email alert information list.

Go to: www.nyc.gov/html/oem

Job Opportunities in Disaster Services

- **Three AmeriCorps Positions Available at NYDIS**

NYDIS seeks applicants for three full-time AmeriCorps openings that run one year, from June 2005-May 2006. Two member positions are open in our Disaster Planning and Training Office and one member position is available in our Spiritual Care and Mental Health program. Qualifications include bachelor's degree or equivalent experience.

The AmeriCorps living stipend is \$10,497, plus transportation, health insurance, childcare subsidies and a \$4,700 education award upon completion of the program.

To apply, email or fax:

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No phone calls.

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- **AmeriCorps Position Available at NYC VOAD**

NYC VOAD seeks applicants for one full-time AmeriCorps opening that runs one year, from June 2005-May 2006. The member will serve in the offices of NYDIS under the direction of the NYC VOAD Board of Directors. Qualifications include bachelor's degree or equivalent experience and an interest in interagency disaster preparedness.

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- For case management and mental health resources, go to: www.nydis.org/9-11recovery/9.htm
 - For really excellent information on trauma, check out The American Academy of Experts in Traumatic Stress, Inc at: www.aaets.org and sign up for their E-News.
 - Check out this newly developed website by Dennis McKeon. It is loaded with resources, information and news related to 9/11 and its affect on all aspects of our lives. www.where-to-turn.org
 - Check out faith and community-based resources at: www.ocfs.state.ny.us/main/faith
 - 10 Cities most at risk for disaster, check out: www.urbanplanet.org/forums/lofiversion/index.php/t8246.html
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