

# NYDISNET ALERT

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The July 7th terrorist attacks in London are an assault on humanity as a whole--once again evil has claimed innocent lives and traumatized the public not only in the UK but also here in NYC and across the globe. NYDIS and our partners from the Anglican, Buddhist, Muslim, Orthodox Christian, Protestant, and Sikh faiths extend our condolences and prayers to the people of London and the United Kingdom as they continue relief efforts, bury their dead, and look for healing and solace in the days ahead.

As people of faith and religious leaders, we call upon our own communities here in NYC to do the following:

- Pray for the injured, the dead, the impacted, the grieving and most certainly for the perpetrators of this evil. Care for yourself and those whom you love and care for that we might find strength in our faith to be leaders of peace and justice in our community and city.
- Be calm and be present. Do all within your power to prevent backlash and combat intolerance against Middle Easterners, Muslims, Sikhs, South Asians and immigrants. Take the time to discuss and condemn backlash and hate crimes in a public forum. Give special attention to children and youth who are particularly impacted by hate. Gather the interfaith community together and stand in solidarity not only against terrorism, but against any and all forms of intolerance that violate our community or our neighbor's rights and wellbeing.
- Pay attention to those with special needs. For many in our city the terrorist attacks in London will be re-traumatizing, creating new anxiety and fear. Check in with the elderly, the young, and those still recovering from 9/11 or past trauma to provide spiritual or emotional care as needed. For resources, call NYDIS or check out our website or refer to LIFENET at 1.800.543-3688 (English), 877.298-3373 (Spanish), 877.990-8585 (Asian), 212.962-5284 (TTY).
- Review your personal, household, and house of worship/agency preparedness plans. If you are not ready, please check out our website and that of our partner agencies or let us know how we can help.

*Peter Gudaitis, Executive Director/CEO*

### For Information about American Citizens Affected by the Bombings

For information about American citizens who may have been affected by the London bombings, please call 1.888.407-4747 (toll-free in the US) or 1.202.501-4444 (regular toll line from outside the US and Canada).



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