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Welcome to **NYDISnet**, our bi-weekly e-newsletter. We hope this resource will keep you updated about the work of NYDIS and developments in disaster readiness, response and recovery initiatives here in New York City. If you have some news to share or an upcoming event to publicise please contact stockwood@nydis.org.

When an emergency situation arises in New York City - our office will send out a **NYDISnet ALERT** to all subscribers. The alert will include all official information available through the NYC Office of Emergency Management and news from our members and partners.

Please feel free to copy and distribute any information from **NYDISnet** that you find helpful. If you would like to distribute **NYDISnet** to your agency staff or faith community leaders please let us know - we're happy to provide that service free of charge.

Faithfully, Peter

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NYDIS NEWS AND EVENTS

■ MDS and STAR-NY Join NYDIS

At the July 21 Board of Directors' meeting, NYDIS accepted membership applications from Mennonite Disaster Services and Eastern Mennonite University's Seminars on Trauma & Recovery—NY (STAR-NY). Both organizations will be represented by Ruth Wenger, Co-Director of STAR-NY. Please join us in celebrating their membership as we continue the work of building partnerships for readiness, response and recovery for all New Yorkers. Any faith-based networks or service providers who provide disaster services may apply for membership by contacting Peter Gudaitis, Executive Director, at 212-669-6100 or pgudaitis@nydis.org.



■ NYDIS Offers New Creative Tool for Disaster Spiritual Care



Courtney Cowart, Th.D, has produced a new tool to assist people in their recovery from trauma and make meaning of 9/11 and its aftermath. *Courage: A Pilgrim's Walking Tour of Ground Zero* is a newly released CD offered through NYDIS that accompanies the listener through a journey at Ground Zero and includes not only walking directions, a map, and identification of key points on the landscape, but also provides first-person stories by participants who worked tirelessly in the recovery effort and have struggled with the pain and suffering of



the experience.

Already pastors, educators and therapists are calling the CD "a lifeline to hold onto," "a powerful tool" "honest and authentic," "a beautiful incarnation of all we thought, felt and experienced those many months." They are using the CD to lead study circles, teach courses, as a catalyst for creative art and writing therapies, for sermon material, and as inspiration for faith-based volunteers committing themselves to many different kinds of service.

While the CD openly acknowledges what Cowart calls "the hole 9/11 has left in our hearts," its focus is on the discovery of real strength and resilience--where that comes from and what sustains it even in the most painful circumstances. Tracks include "Grief and Hope," "Sacrifice," "Love is Stronger than Death," "Forgiveness," "Kindness the Soul of Compassion," "New Birth" and others. These are enhanced with music by acclaimed songwriter and singer Beth Nielsen Chapman and Emmy award-winning musician, composer and producer Gary Malkin.

Proceeds from the sale of the CD will be used to support NYDIS' disaster advocacy, planning, training, and long-term recovery initiatives.

To order *Courage: A Pilgrim's Walk of Ground Zero*:
Call: 212-669-6100
Cost: \$15 per CD + \$2 shipping and handling

■ NYDIS & IDSC Collaborate on Federal NRP Project



To get it right: NYDIS recently collaborated with the Institute for Disaster Spiritual Care (IDSC) (not the Jewish Community Relations Council as previously reported) to provide input in re-writing the Fatality Management Section of the National Response Plan (NRP) by Health and Human Services and the Department of Homeland Security. The NRP incorporates best practices and procedures from a variety of incident management disciplines and seeks to incorporate them into a unified structure. The Rev. Susan Lockwood of NYDIS and Rabbi Craig Miller of IDSC compiled a written report which advocates for the inclusion of spiritual care and religious burial ritual requirements into the various phases of NRP Fatality Management and provided documentation on the critical tasks of religious leaders and spiritual caregivers in assisting with these practices and rituals as well as with the emotional and spiritual well-being of family and loved ones who must be notified and assisted through the early stages of crisis and grief.

For more info on the plan, go to:
www.dhs.gov/dhspublic/interapp/editorial/editorial_0566.xml

■ NYDIS Executive To Speak at Conference in England

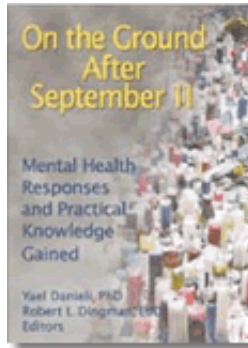
NYDIS Executive Director Peter Gudaitis is one of 20 Americans, and the only faith-based agency representative, invited by the Cabinet Office and the British Consulate to present at a joint UK-USA



conference on Policy Implications for Emergency Planning, Mental Health & Catastrophic Events. The conference will be held at the Emergency Planning College in York, England, Sept. 12-15. Gudaitis will present on "Learning from Examples of Evidence-Based Planning," drawing on NYDIS' work with mental health and spiritual care recovery and disaster planning and our ongoing partnerships with the NYC Dept. of Health and Mental Hygiene, the Office of Emergency Management, and other community-based providers.



■ NYDIS Helps Launch 9/11 Mental Health Response Book



Yael Danieli and Robert L. Dingman have compiled and edited a collection of first-person accounts on the mental health response to the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks. The book, *On the Ground After September 11: Mental Health Responses and Practical Knowledge Gained*, will be launched Friday, Sept. 9, 1:30-5 pm, at the Michael Schimmel Center for the Arts, Pace University downtown, across from City Hall.

Daniel H. Bush, former NYDIS Director of 9/11 Recovery and Advocacy, has contributed a chapter as have staff from a number of NYDIS members and partners. (See FROM OUR MEMBERS AND PARTNERS)

The program includes a cello solo commemorative performance followed by invited speakers. The authors of the book will then briefly present distilled lessons learned, followed by an open dialogue of all present. NYDIS is helping to sponsor the event.

If you plan to attend, please rsvp to NYDIS by August 15:
212.669.6100

To purchase a book, call:
The Haworth Maltreatment & Trauma Press
800.429.6784

For directions to Pace, go to:
appserv.pace.edu/execute/page.cfm?doc_id=154

■ 9/11 Unmet Needs Roundtable Updates

• In-Service Training for Case Workers

In-Service Training is required for case workers who have never presented a case at the Roundtable, and is recommended as a refresher for experienced case workers who have previously presented cases.

- 9:30-11:30 am at NYDIS - **Tuesday, August 16**
- 9:30-11:30 am at NYDIS - **Tuesday, August 30**

• Next Meetings of the Roundtable

The NYC 9/11 Unmet Needs Roundtable brings together donors with agencies providing case management to 9/11

victims. Case Workers who would like to present a case must sign-up by Friday prior to the meeting of the Roundtable.

- o 9:30 am - **Thursday, August 18**
- o 9:30 am - **Thursday, September 1**

To sign up for In-Service Training or to present a case, contact:

Maggie Jarry, Moderator
212.669.6105
mjarry@nydis.org

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COMMUNITY NEWS AND EVENTS

■ National Geographic Series Focuses on New Info on 9/11

The National Geographic Channel is broadcasting the first in a four-part series entitled *Inside 9/11* on August 21 & 22 at 9 pm. The documentary will take a look at what happened before, during, and after the most deadly terrorist attack ever on U.S. soil. It will trace the movements of the al Qaeda attackers, explore their motives and training, and examine why authorities around the world missed the danger signals. The program will present new research and government findings, as well as exclusive interviews with terrorist informants and survivors of the attacks on the WTC and Pentagon.



For more programming info, go to:
www.nationalgeographic.com/channel

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FROM OUR MEMBERS AND PARTNERS

■ Episcopal Diocese Prepares Liturgical Materials for 9/11

Bishop Mark Sisk of the Episcopal Diocese of NY has authorized a Liturgical Commission to prepare special prayers and other liturgical materials for the fourth anniversary of 9/11 which falls on a Sunday this year.



The prayers, as well as a bulletin insert and other worship suggestions, are available on line at:

www.diocesenyny.org

www.liturgy.diocesenyny.org

■ Koinonia NYC Offers Faith Walk around Ground Zero

Recently, a group of Lutheran young people from the Metropolitan NY Synod traveled to the Arkansas-Oklahoma Synod to work on a Servant Event. In early July, the youth from Oklahoma were in NYC to work on volunteer projects in a Servant Event coordinated by LDRNY partner, KoinoniaNYC.



Although KoinoniaNYC has arranged almost 20 Servant Events in the past 18 months, this one is special since the two Synods share common experiences -- the tragedy of 9/11 and the Oklahoma City bombing.

Koinonia NYC invites you, your youth group, or other groups to take a Faith Walk around Ground Zero. Faith Walks are inspirational and educational tours of Ground Zero and surrounding landmarks, encouraging healing and hope in the face of despair. If you're planning a trip to New York City or live in the area and want to commemorate 9/11 or just want to learn more about others' experience, consider a Faith Walk around Ground Zero.

To read the full story, go to:
www.LDRNY.org

■ LDRNY Staff Contribute to 9/11 Recovery Book

LDRNY Coordinator Mikki Baloy, Deputy Coordinator Tom Taylor and Executive Director John J. Scibilia, contributed to Yael Danieli and Robert L. Dingman's new book, *On the Ground after September 11: Mental Health Responses and Practical Knowledge Gained*. (See story above for details on the Sept. 9 launch)



To read the full story, go to:
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PREPAREDNESS CORNER

- **Don't Forget to Sign Up for OEM Email Alerts**

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

- **Ready New York Guides Available in Hard Copy or Online**



To order *Ready New York* household preparedness guides, call 311.

To view or download household preparedness guides, go to:
www.nyc.gov

- **OEM Offers Guide on Subway Safety**

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

- **National Geographic Investigates Natural Disasters**

Is our planet getting more dangerous? What can we do to protect ourselves? Explorer, National Geographic Channel's award-winning series, investigates hurricanes, tsunamis, and earthquakes and looks for answers on Sundays at 8pm.

For more info, go to:

JOB OPPORTUNITIES IN DISASTER SERVICES

- **One Full-Time AmeriCorps Position with NYC VOAD**



NYC VOAD seeks applicants for one full-time AmeriCorps opening that runs one year, from now-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.

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.
For info on NYDIS, go to: www.nydis.org/unmetneeds/1.htm

- **One Part-Time AmeriCorps Position Available at NYDIS**

NYDIS seeks applicants for one part-time AmeriCorps opening that runs one year, from now-May 2006. The position is open in our Disaster Planning and Training Office. Qualifications include bachelor's degree or equivalent experience.

The AmeriCorps living stipend is \$6,000, plus transportation, health insurance, childcare subsidies and a \$2,750 education award upon completion of the program.

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WE RECOMMEND...

- If you feel you or someone you know was profiled for a search

on the subway, check out the Know Your Rights page at:
www.nyclu.org/mta_searches_main.html

- The Natural Hazards Research and Applications Information Center at the University of Colorado offers a plethora of information, resources, and research on disasters at:
www.colorado.edu/hazards

To read article on faith-based response to 9/11, go to:
www.colorado.edu/hazards/gr/gr147/gr147.html

- Check out the Century Foundation report on Terrorism, Mental Health and September 11 at:
www.tcf.org
- The NYDIS statement on the London Bombing is still on our website, as well as resources and other helpful info on disaster recovery and preparedness. Go to:
www.nydis.org

- **Where to Refer 9/11 Victims for Case Management**

The following agencies are continuing to offer case management services:

- **American Red Cross**

Call Center: 877-746-4987
Will pre-screen callers and make referrals to case management agencies providing client services
www.redcross.org



- **Catholic Charities - Archdiocese of New York**

Julie Andrade: 212-795-6860 ext. 26
www.catholiccharitiesny.org



- **Catholic Charities - Diocese of Brooklyn (and Queens)**

Lester Szymanski: 718-337-6590
www.catholiccharitiesny.org

- **Islamic Circle of North America - Relief**

General: 718-523-5100
Special needs, referrals and financial assistance for mental health related cases
www.reliefonline.org



- **Lutheran Social Services - Project Life**

General: 800-729-9209
Elba Felix/Marc Herstein: 212-748-3521 / 3520
www.ldrny.org

- **Safe Horizon**

Toll Free Hotline: 866-689-HELP (4357)
Will pre-screen callers and make referrals to case management agencies providing client services.
www.safehorizon.org



- **The Salvation Army World Trade Center Recovery Program**

Diana DoSantos: 718-523-3315 ext. 15
Email: diana_dosantos@salvationarmy-wtc.org



- **Where to Refer 9/11 Victims for Mental Health Services**

There are a number of services readily accessible for persons who have been impacted emotionally by 9/11 and would benefit from individual or group counseling and support. Below is a list of current programs and contact information:

- **Islamic Circle of North America - Relief**

General: 718-523-5100

Referrals for mental health related cases



- **Karen Horney Clinic**

Dr. Tracy Simon, 212- 838-4333 ext. 218

www.karenhorneycenter.org

- **Mental Health Association of NYC**

The 9/11 Mental Health and Substance Abuse Program

General: 800-LIFENET (800-543-3638)

Spanish: 877-AYUDESE (877-298-3373)

Asian: 877-990-8585

www.9-11mentalhealth.org

Provides financial assistance and referrals for mental health and substance abuse treatment to downtown residents, rescue and recovery workers, those who lost a family member, students attending nearby schools, and anyone who worked below Chambers Street or was in the area on 9/11. Funded by the American Red Cross September 11 Recovery Program and administered by the Mental Health Association of New York City.

- **Safe Horizon Counseling and Support Services**



www.safehorizon.org

9/11 Recovery Programs

Provide crisis intervention and mental health services to anyone affected by events of 9/11. Services are available to adults, children, families and communities.

- **Family Assistance Center 9/11 Counseling and Support Services**

Heather Trish, 212-729-5516

Individual counseling and support groups to anyone affected by 9/11, including family members of victims, those injured, evacuated, or displaced and anyone who witnessed the events of 9/11.

- **Project Rescue & Recovery**

General: 347-328-8110

Provides mental health and psychiatric services to any staff or volunteer involved with 9/11 rescue and recovery efforts and their families.

- **September 11th Support Hotline**

866-689-HELP (4357)

Provides information, support and referral to mental health for individuals affected by 9/11. Service available 24 hours a day, seven days a

week. Bilingual staff and interpretation services are available.

- **Counseling Center**

347-328-8110

NYS-licensed mental health clinic in downtown Brooklyn specializes in meeting the complex needs of individuals and families who have been victims of crime and abuse or impacted by a traumatic event such as 9/11. Qualified teams of multi-lingual licensed mental health professionals and psychiatrists staff the center.

- **Child and Adolescent Trauma Treatment Services (Cats Program)**

212-729-5555

Provides mental health treatment and services to children and adolescents, ages 7-18, affected by trauma, domestic violence, community violence, or physical/sexual abuse.

- **St. Vincent WTC Healing Services**

General: 212-346-2582

Chinese speaking: 646-286-2686

Offers free and confidential counseling and support services for adults, adolescents, and children who have been impacted by 9/11, located at 170 Broadway Suite 1208, New York, NY 10038

www.svcmc.org



- **The Infant/Toddler/Preschool Post-9/11 Initiative**

Deborah Carroll, Clinical Coordinator, 212-809-6252 ext 207

Screenings, counseling and referrals for children, ages 2-8, who may be having post 9/11 difficulties and who lived/attended or live/attend school below Canal Street.

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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.

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