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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 publicize please contact slockwood@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.

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Faithfully, Peter

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NYDIS NEWS AND EVENTS

■ **NYDIS Deadline for Continuity of 9/11 Services RFP Jan. 30**

NYDIS will accept proposals from service providers that need grant support to retain a dedicated 9/11 case worker through 2006 until 5 pm Jan. 30. The program is funded by Episcopal Relief and Development, and grants range from \$25,000-\$50,000.



Grants requirements are:

- caseworkers must focus services on underserved or marginalized 9/11 victim populations with an emphasis on injured recovery workers
- grantee agencies must be willing to take referrals from NYDIS to manage emerging cases and utilize the resources of the Roundtable in stabilizing their clients recovery

For questions, please contact:
Maggie Jarry - Director, Recovery & Advocacy
212-669-6105, mjarry@nydis.org

To download a copy of the RFP go to:
www.nydis.org/resources/headlines/01-05-06.php.

■ NYDIS Seeks Houses of Worship for OEM CERT Team Pilot

The NYC Office of Emergency Management (OEM) and NYDIS are working together to provide Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) training to houses of worship in each of the five boroughs. The training covers everything from disaster preparedness education and ways of organizing a strong team to fire safety, light search and rescue, disaster medical operations and terrorism.



The next cycle of training will begin in late February and NYDIS is looking for houses of worship in each of the five boroughs that would like to have their congregation and local neighborhood trained through the CERT program. Training takes place over the course of 11 consecutive weeks and is given by OEM, FDNY, NYPD, the American Red Cross in Greater New York, and Citizens for NYC. Participants are required to be 18 or older, and for liability purposes, all participants are subject to a background check before training begins.

If you or your congregation would like to sign up for CERT training, contact:

The Rev. Susan Lockwood - Director, Disaster Planning & Training
212-669-6104, slockwood@nydis.org

For more information, check out:
www.nydis.org/resources/headlines/01-06-06.php

To learn more about CERT, visit:
www.nyc.gov/CERT

■ NYDIS Hosts 9/11 Families and Moussaoui Attorney Meeting

NYDIS is hosting meetings on Jan 30 & 31 for 9/11 families of victims and the defense team of Zacarias Moussaoui as his trial moves into the sentencing phase on Feb. 6. Because it is a federal death penalty case, the Justice Department recommends that families of victims have ample opportunity to express their concerns about the case and obtain information on the judicial process, and has asked NYDIS to assist by hosting two private and confidential meetings. The meetings will be facilitated by Defense Based Victim Outreach Services, and a handbook, *Victims and Survivors: Finding Your Way through Court Proceedings in Federal Death Penalty Cases*, produced by the Conflict Transformation Program of Eastern Mennonite University, will be distributed. Any 9/11 family member of victims is invited to participate. Please rsvp to NYDIS your choice of meeting times: Jan. 30 at 5:30 pm or Jan. 31 at 10 am.

For more information about the meeting, contact:
Pamela Leonard, Defense Based Victim Outreach Services
404-872-7670, pbleonard@mindspring.org

To rsvp your meeting participation and time, contact:

Cindy Katz, NYDIS
212.660-6109, ckatz@nydis.org

To read the invitation from the Defense Based Victim Outreach Services, go to:
www.nydis.org/resources/materials/NYDIS_Invite_31JaN06.pdf

■ NYDIS Awards Katrina Grants, Seeks Roundtable Funds

To date, NYDIS has raised \$125,000 for Katrina Relief. Through the generosity of one of our donors, NYDIS has awarded \$15,000 in small grants to three agencies coordinating or providing case management assistance to Katrina evacuees now living in NYC:

- Catholic Charities of Brooklyn & Queens, \$6,000
- Human Services Council, \$3,000
- Islamic Circle of North America-Relief, \$6,000

NYDIS is currently looking for ways to pool resources and find funders for a Katrina Unmet Needs Roundtable.

If you are interested in becoming a donor for the Katrina Unmet Needs Roundtable, contact:

Gili Chupak - Katrina Evacuee Relief Coordinator
212-669-6108, gchupak@nydis.org

■ Katrina Evacuees Waiting for House of Worship Sponsors

These are profiles of some of the Katrina Evacuees who are interested in sponsorship through the NYDIS-EMM (Episcopal Migration Ministries) Sponsorship Program.



- Two single males in their twenties, originally from Guinea, would like to be connected to a Muslim congregation. They are fluent in English, French, and Fulami, and have experience as vendors in LA. They are staying in the Radisson Hotel.
- An eight member family from Biloxi, MS, currently staying in the Ramada in Astoria, includes a mother (37), a father (51), a son (21) and his fiance (23), and three daughters (9,10,14). The father has worked as an auto mechanic, mother as an administrative assistant, and the son as a plumber. The family has some special health needs.
- An 83 year old woman from New Orleans who lived in senior housing in New Orleans is currently staying in a hotel in Queens. She has some health needs but is mobile.
- A 42-year-old single male from New Orleans who would like to settle in Manhattan, Jersey City or Brooklyn, has a BA in broadcast journalism with experience in retail and restaurant work as wait staff and bartender. He is currently staying with a friend.
- A 31 year old single woman who was a former IT associate and has a degree in computer science is living in an apartment in Brooklyn.

To date, the following congregations are sponsoring evacuees:

- Central Synagogue, Manhattan - two families
- Christ Episcopal Church / Verazzano Rotary Club, Bay Ridge - three families
- Rutgers Presbyterian Church, Manhattan - one family
- The Bruderhof Community, Bellvale, NY - one family
- St. Paul's-on-the-Hill Episcopal, Ossining, NY - one family

If your house of worship is interested in sponsoring an evacuee household:

- Attend one of the following Training/Information meetings:

Saturday, Jan. 21, 9:30 am-noon

Wednesday, Jan., 25, 6:30-9:00 pm

At NYDIS: 22 Cortlandt St., 20th flr, Manhattan

Please register at:

www.nydis.org/resources/headlines/11-10-05.php

For more information:

- visit www.nydis.org or contact:
The Rev. Susan Lockwood - Director, Disaster Planning & Training
212-669-6104, slockwood@nydis.org

■ NYC 9/11 Unmet Needs Roundtable Schedule

• 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.

- 9:30 am - **Thursday, January 26**
- 9:30 am - **Thursday, February 9**

• 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. All training sessions take place at NYDIS ([map](#)).

- 9:30-noon - **Tuesday, January 24**



To sign up for In-Service Training or to present a case, contact:
Maggie Jarry, Moderator
212-669-6105, mjarry@nydis.org

■ ARC Awards \$2M to Three 9/11 Roundtables

In addition to the \$1.7 Million the American Red Cross awarded NYDIS from its Liberty Disaster Relief Fund to support 9/11 victims and injured recovery workers, \$300,000 went to the Long Island 9/11 Unmet Needs Roundtable and \$125,000 to the New Jersey Unmet Needs Roundtable.



To read more about NYDIS' 9/11 Unmet Needs Roundtable, go to:
www.nydis.org

For more information on the Long Island 9/11 Unmet Needs Roundtable, contact:

Gwen O'Shea – Moderator
516-483-1110, goshea@hwcli.com

The New Jersey 9/11 Unmet Needs Roundtable is administered by New Jersey Interfaith Disaster Recovery. For more information on the NJ 9/11 Unmet Needs Roundtable, contact:

Myles Varley - Director
908-355-0064, njipdr@netaero.com

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COMMUNITY NEWS AND EVENTS

■ Katrina Evacuee Updates and Resources

- **FEMA Hotel Update**

FEMA has announced that all Hurricane Katrina and Rita evacuees in the FEMA hotel/motel direct bill program will be subsidized by the federal program through Feb. 7 as they continue to make longer-term housing arrangements. FEMA also announced it will begin using a new authorization code process immediately to provide direct-bill hotel assistance beyond Feb. 7 to Hurricane Katrina and Rita evacuees on a case-by-case basis.



Evacuees in hotels and motels **must contact FEMA by Jan. 30** at 800-621-FEMA (TTY 800-462-7585) to receive a unique authorization code that must be presented to a hotel or motel to extend the federal subsidy for their hotel stay beyond the night of Feb. 6. FEMA payments for hotel or motel rooms will end on February 7 for those evacuees who do not contact FEMA for an authorization code. The code will also immediately be required for evacuees who change hotels or are checking in for the first time between now and Feb. 7.

- **NYC HRA Still Offering "One-Shot" Housing Assistance**

The NYC Human Resources Administration is offering Katrina evacuees in NYC a "one-shot" assistance package to cover moving-in costs for permanent housing. This assistance may include first month's rent, security deposits, broker fees and utility deposits. Limited subsidies are available for furniture. For information:
877-472-8411



- **Case Management Referral Helpline for NYC Katrina Evacuees**

Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of NY is providing referrals to all Hurricane Katrina evacuees living in NYC who are seeking a case manager to assist with services and recovery needs. **The helpline can be accessed at 888-744-7900, M-F, 9 am-6 pm.**



- **St. Vincent de Paul Receives Case Management Grant**

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul has been identified as an UMCOR (United Methodist Committee on Relief) recipient



of case management funding from FEMA for Katrina evacuees relocated to New Jersey and New York. There will be two full-time and three volunteer case managers that will work over a 22-month period to handle 156 cases. Referrals will be provided from Catholic Charities' Katrina Helpline.

- **NYC Katrina Evacuee Updates From HSC on NYDIS Website**

The NYDIS website has an archive of all the weekly Katrina Evacuee updates from the Human Services Council on relief and recovery services being offered locally and through FEMA to evacuees relocated to the city as well as information on ways to donate and volunteer.

Go to: www.nydis.org/resources/headlines/12-30-05.php

- **Avian Flu Toll Climbs; City Works on Pandemic Flu Plan**

The Avian or bird flu claimed the life of a 14-year-old girl in Turkey this week, bringing the death toll of the virus to more than 150 worldwide.



To read the full story, go to:

www.disasternews.net/news/news.php?articleid=3031

The NYC Dept. of Health and Mental Hygiene and the NYC Office of Emergency Management (OEM) are working together to strengthen the city's Pandemic Flu Plan.

For more info for faith-based and community organizations, go to:

www.pandemicflu.gov/plan/tab7.html

For more info from the U.S. government and city, go to:

www.pandemicflu.gov

www.nyc.gov/html/doh/html/testi/testi20051117.shtml

- **Bill Introduced in House to Change FEMA to Cabinet Level**

Efforts are afoot to restore FEMA to a cabinet-level independent establishment in the executive branch with responsibilities for U.S. preparedness and response to disaster. On Dec. 8, bill **H.R. 4493** was introduced in the U.S. House of Representatives to that effect with support from NY Congressmen Anthony Weiner (9th district, Brooklyn & Queens) and Tim Bishop (1st district, Suffolk)--two of 32 members of the House who introduced the bill which was subsequently referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure. Take this opportunity to look over the bill and share your opinions with your lawmakers.



To read the bill, go to:

www.nydis.org/resources/headlines/01-19-06.php

- **9/11 Case Thrown Out by Supreme Court**

The U.S. Supreme Court yesterday upheld a ruling that families of

firefighters killed at the World Trade Center cannot sue the city and Motorola over allegedly faulty radios used on 9/11.

To read the article, go to:

www.nydailynews.com/news/story/383708p-325727c.html

■ WTC Memorial Collecting Sept. 11 Stories Online

The World Trade Center Memorial Foundation is asking the public to submit personal stories and photographs about Sept. 11 for the new memorial museum.



Stories will be collected online through the "Story Builders" program and used to build a permanent digital archive for the controversial memorial museum, which is scheduled to break ground this spring and open in 2009. Officials hope submissions will come from around the world.

Stories can be submitted at:

www.buildthememorial.org

■ Recovery Workers Can Apply to 9/11 Heroes Stamp Program

Emergency relief personnel who have been permanently physically disabled in the line of duty and, in the case of emergency relief personnel killed in the line of duty, their personal representatives, are eligible for compensation through the 9/11 Heroes Stamp Program. The categories included under emergency relief personnel are: firefighters, police or law enforcement officers, paramedics, emergency medical technicians, employees (compensated or not) of legally organized volunteer organizations, clergy.



Applicants are required to file an application provided by FEMA, which can be downloaded from the FEMA website, requested through the mail, by phone or email. **Applications must be received on or before April 3, 2006.**

For more information or to download an application, go to:

www.usfa.fema.gov/heroesstamp

■ World Cares Center Offers Volunteer Training

● Conference on Leading Volunteers

World Cares Center is offering a two conference on *Managing and Leading Community Volunteers in Response to Tragedy and Disaster* Jan 31 and Feb. 1 at their facility, 520 Eighth Ave, 11th flr., Manhattan.

The conference will provide leaders of volunteers with a set of tools and best practices for recruitment, selection, development and deployment of volunteer teams. Fees vary in accordance with whether your service area is inside or outside NYC and the number of participants per organization.



For information, contact:
Chris Paquet

212-563-7570, ext. 203, cpaquet@worldcares.org
www.ersvp.com/rsvp/reply.htm?evtr=baelh&cacheid=1137641335.1556&cobrandid=ersvp

- **Training for Volunteers**

World Cares Center is offering training to anyone interested in volunteering during a disaster each Thursday evening, beginning Feb. 2, 6:30-7:30 pm, at their facility, 52- 8th Ave, 11th flr., Manhattan. After the training a free healing activity such as massage or reiki is offered participants. A more in-depth three part training will be offered Thursday, Feb. 8, 15, 22, 6:30-8:30 pm also at the WCC.

For more information or to register for a training, contact:
Chris Paquet
212.562-7570, ext. 203, cpaquet@worldcares.org
www.worldcares.org

- **Columbia Trauma Program Holds Boss Book Signing**

The International Trauma Studies Program at the Mailman School of Public Health, Columbia U. is holding a book signing reception for Pauline Boss, author of *Loss, Trauma, and Resilience: Therapeutic Work with Ambiguous Loss* Thursday, Feb. 9, 6:30-8:30 pm, at 155 Avenue of the Americas, 4th flr., Manhattan.



For more information or to rsvp:
info@itspnyc.org
212-691-6499
www.fsos2.che.umn.edu/boss/default.html

- **Int'l Safety & Security Conference Feb. 8-10 in NYC**

EmergencyCorps is sponsoring the International Safety & Security Conference 2006: Integrating Preparedness Across the Organization, Feb. 8-10 at the Hilton New York Hotel. The three-day meeting will address advanced strategies and best practices for the development and ongoing maintenance of corporate emergency management and business continuity programs. The meeting focuses on the steps to integrating strategies throughout an organization.



For more information, contact:
Barbara McCabe
EmergencyCorps
888-333-3073
www.emergencycorps.org/issc.php

- **Undoing Racism Workshops Offered Locally**

Hurricane Katrina has provided the opportunity to engage in a conversation about institutional racism. The National Association of Social Workers—NYC and NYS Chapter-Westchester, Columbia U. School of Social Work, Fordham U. Graduate School of Social



Service, Hunter College School of Social Work and the Antiracist Alliance are sponsoring two workshops offered by The People's Institute for Survival and Beyond to engage participants in a comprehensive exploration of how race shapes American institutions and how to foster local work groups that will continue the conversation and work toward institutional change.

Workshop dates are:

February 26-28 at Fordham U. Graduate School of Social Service
April 9-11 at Westchester

For details, registration and more information, contact:
Sandy Bernabei, 914-723-3222
www.antiracistalliance.com

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FROM OUR MEMBERS AND PARTNERS

- **Faithful Response Participates in Jan. 28 Conference**

The Unsung Heroes Helping Heroes group, of which Faithful Response Director Michael Arcari is a board member, is offering a conference, Jan. 28, 9 am-3 pm, at Suffolk County Community College, Brentwood Campus. "The Unmet Needs of Disaster Response Workers: Positive Solutions" is dedicated to identifying problems that the first responders of 9/11 and others disasters face. The conference is in cooperation with Suffolk County Legislator William Lindsay. Faithful Response is participating in the conference.



For more information, contact:
Jonathan Sferazo
631-423-0277

For more information on Faithful Response, go to:
www.ldrny.org

- **Take a Faith Walk Around Ground Zero**

Koinonia NYC with offices at 22 Cortlandt, 20th fl., overlooking Ground Zero, offers Faith Walks to visitors to the city, youth groups, or local residents. The walk lasts about three hours and includes tours of Ground Zero and surrounding landmarks. The cost is a minimum donation of \$10 a person.



To arrange for a faith walk online, go to:
www.ldrny.org, click on Comfort and Renew Center/KoinoniaNYC or contact:

The Rev. Ann Tiemeyer
212-669-6131, KoinoniaNYC@yahoo.com

- **ERD Creates Office of Disaster Planning**

Episcopal Relief and Development (ERD) is creating a new domestic disaster program that calls for the development and implementation of an Office of Disaster Planning. The program will assist dioceses throughout the Episcopal Church in designing a disaster preparedness plan.



For more information, go to:

www.er-d.org

- **Community of Hope Pastor Accepts Call to New Church**

Pastor Rip Hoffman has accepted a call to serve as Pastor of Salem Lutheran Church in Bridgeport, CT after serving for three years as the start-up Pastor of Community of Hope--part of the ELCA NY Synod's response to healing in Lower Manhattan after 9/11. Rip was also an active member and leader of the Lower Manhattan Clergy Council, initiated by NYDIS in 2004.



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PREPAREDNESS CORNER

- **History of Disasters Course Offered Monthly**

Scot Phelps who runs the emergency and disaster management program at Metropolitan College is offering monthly sessions on specific modern-day crises and then a presentation on historical NYC disasters. The next class will be Monday, Feb. 13, 4-6 pm for the Crisis Discussion Group on the topic of "Shirtwaist Fire" followed by a presentation on Triangle, 7-9 pm. All sessions are held at: Metropolitan College, 75 Varick St., 12th flr., Manhattan.



For more information or to RSVP, contact:

Scot Phelps

646-243-7608, sphelps@metropolitan.edu

www.metropolitan.edu/publicaffairs/mpa_emergency.php

- **Training Program in International Trauma Studies Offered**

The International Trauma Studies Program (ITSP) is offering a 130 hour training from Sept. 2006-May 2007 in the field of trauma studies and community response to catastrophes. The program is run by visiting local and international faculty who are experts in the trauma field and is designed to allow working professionals to attend the course. Early admissions deadline is March 1.

For more information, call or email:

Jack Saul - Executive Director

212-691-6499, info@itspnyc.org

www.itspnyc.org

- **New York City Disaster Preparedness Information**

Check out the latest resource from the New York City Office of Emergency Management - a pocket sized Ready New York Guide!



Information and other preparedness resources are available at:

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

■ Does Your Congregation Want to Learn More about Preparedness?

Susan Lockwood, NYDIS Director of Disaster Planning & Training, is available to discuss disaster preparedness at your house of worship. She can give the OEM Ready New York presentation on household preparedness, show what goes in a Go Bag, discuss how houses of worship can be prepared, or discuss topics of special interest to you, such as self-care, disaster ministry, and disaster spiritual care.

To schedule a talk, contact Susan at 212-669-6104 or slockwood@nydis.org.

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JOB OPPORTUNITIES IN DISASTER SERVICES

• Three Full-Time Positions Available at NYDIS

◦ Communications Assistant

NYDIS is seeking a full-time employee with experience in writing and editing educational materials, newsletters and website content.



For position description, go to:

www.nydis.org/about/15.php

◦ Financial Assistant or Bookkeeper & Grant Manager

NYDIS is seeking a full-time employee with experience in QuickBooks bookkeeping and grants management.

For position description, go to:

www.nydis.org/about/15.php

◦ 9/11 Outreach Coordinator Available

The Advisory Committee for the NYC 9/11 Unmet Needs Roundtable is seeking a full-time Outreach Coordinator to provide culturally and language competent outreach to underserved direct victims and injured recovery workers.

For position description, go to:

www.nydis.org/about/15.php

To apply, email or fax your cover letter and resume to:
Peter B. Gudaitis, M.Div, Executive Director & CEO
NYDIS - New York Disaster Interfaith Services
22 Cortlandt Street, 20th Floor
New York, NY 10007
pgudaitis@nydis.org
Fax: 212-669-6101

No phone calls.

For info on NYDIS, go to:
www.nydis.org/about/1.php

- **ERD Seeks Director for Office of Disaster Planning**

Episcopal Relief and Development is seeking a Director of Domestic Response for their newly created Office of Disaster Planning.



For a full job description and application instructions, please go to the Episcopal Church's website at
www.episcopalchurch.org/hr_70656_ENG_HTML.htm

- **Tribute Center Seeks Volunteer Tour Guides**

The Tribute Center, a project of the September 11th Widows and Victims' Families' Association, is seeking volunteers impacted by 9/11 to lead guided tours of the WTC site and share their stories with visitors. The next volunteer training will take place during the second weekend of January.

If you are interested in being trained as a Tribute Center Guide, contact:

September 11th Families Association

RachaelG@tributenyc.org

For more info on the volunteer program, go to:
www.tributenyc.org

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WE RECOMMEND...

- **FASTEN has small grants** for faith-based organizations to help with emergency response and with community recovery and rebuilding. The deadline is March 1. Check it out at:
www.fastennetwork.org/display.asp?Page=2006_INFO
- **SAMSHA Fundamentals of Disaster Planning & Response**
SAMSHA has a number of excellent presentations on topics such as Key Concepts in Disaster Mental Health, Stress, Psychological First Aid, PTSD, Children and Trauma, and Substance Abuse. Check it out at:
www.shs.net/samhsadr/contents.htm
- **Three Deaths of Recovery Workers In Seven Months**
The Associated Press reported in a Jan. 17 story that three 9/11 recovery workers died as a result of persistent respiratory illnesses caused by their work at ground zero, according to their families and colleagues. To read more, go to:
www.news.yahoo.com/fc/us/world_trade_center

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- **DONATE TO NYDIS' KATRINA EVACUEE RELIEF ONLINE:**

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 Fl., New York, NY 10007. NYDIS is a 501(c)(3) corporation and contributions are 100% 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

- **Order Our 9/11 Recovery and Ground Zero Tour CD**

Order [Courage: A Pilgrim's Walking Tour of Ground Zero](#). Produced by Courtney Cowart who was a volunteer at St. Paul's Chapel after 9/11, the CD accompanies the listener through a journey at Ground Zero and includes walking directions, a map, and identification of key points on the landscape. It also provides first-person stories by recovery workers who struggled and survived the experience.



Proceeds benefit NYDIS' readiness, response and recovery initiatives.

To order *Courage: A Pilgrim's Walk of Ground Zero*:

Order online at www.nydis.org/visitnyc/5.php

Call: 212-669-6100

Cost: \$15 per CD + \$2 shipping and handling

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