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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](mailto: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.

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

- **NYDIS-DPO Hold Third Interdisciplinary Event**



### LOOKING BACK TO GO FORWARD

Creating Interdisciplinary Ties in  
Disaster Recovery



Thursday, March 16, 2006 • 9:00AM - 3:00PM

[Free Online Registration](#) • Continental Breakfast and Lunch Provided

NYU Kimmel Center • 60 Washington Square South

Developing ties between disaster spiritual care and mental health providers is essential for providing effective services for those affected by disasters. In this third interdisciplinary event for 9/11 clergy and mental health providers who serve disaster survivors, focus will be on practical aspects of collaboration, with an emphasis on shared experiences and the development of concrete, real-world resources. The conference will consist of a stimulating keynote presentation,

followed by small group discussions arranged by geographical area to foster relationship-building and resource identification, a large group review of lessons learned, and a final presentation to clarify key issues and bring closure to the day. The practical information generated will be compiled and distributed for general use following the conference.

### KEYNOTE SPEAKERS

The Rev. Carol Pepper, Ph.D in Clinical Psychology, CUNY  
Siddharth Shah, MD,MPH, Psychosocial Assistance Without Borders

### INFORMATION AND REGISTRATION

[www.nydis.org/resources/headlines/01-23-06.php](http://www.nydis.org/resources/headlines/01-23-06.php)

### INQUIRIES

Grant H. Brenner, MD, Disaster Psychiatry Outreach, 212.673-2099  
Maggie Jarry, NYDIS, 212.669-6105

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### ■ St. John the Divine Hosts First NYDIS-OEM CERT Training

The Cathedral Church of St. John the Divine (Episcopal) is the first house of worship to have its congregation and local neighborhood trained through a joint NYC Office of Emergency Management (OEM) and NYDIS pilot project. 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 to fire safety, light search and rescue, disaster medical operations, mental health and spiritual care, team building, and terrorism.



The application and details will be available in the next NYDISnet on Feb. 16.

### For more information on this training or to schedule a CERT training for you congregation, contact:

The Rev. Susan Lockwood - Director, Disaster Planning & Training  
212-669-6104, [slockwood@nydis.org](mailto:slockwood@nydis.org)

### ■ Houses of Worship Needed to Sponsor Katrina Evacuees

NYDIS is running five profiles of local Katrina Evacuees in each NYDISnet and will continue doing so until all the households in hotels are resettled. More houses of worship are needed to assist NYDIS and Episcopal Migration Ministries (EMM) in the Sponsorship Program to help evacuees with recovery and resettlement.



- Two single males in their twenties, originally from Guinea, would like to be connected to a Muslim congregation; fluent in English, French, Fulami; have experience as vendors in LA, staying in the Radisson.
- An eight member family from Biloxi, MS, staying in the Radisson Hotel; a mother (37), a father (51), a son (21) and his fiancée

(23), and three daughters (9,10,14). Father has worked as an auto mechanic, mother as an administrative assistant, and the son as a plumber. Family has some special health and mental health needs.

- A single woman in her thirties from New Orleans, living in the Savoy Hotel in Brooklyn; speaks French and is a Tibetan Buddhist; has worked as an administrative assistant, but has studied theater, voice, and music and would like to pursue something in the arts.
- A husband (33) and a wife (24) from New Orleans, currently living in the Ramada Hotel; he has a degree in graphic design, has worked as a graphic artist and AV assistant; wife has retail experience; they speak Farsi and some German.
- A single male from Kenner, LA, staying in the Ramada Inn; graduated from high school, ready to work but has no work history and cannot stand for long periods of time.

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

Attend one of the following Training/Information meetings:

- **Tuesday, Feb. 7, 4-6:30 pm**
- **Saturday, Feb. 11, 9:30 am-noon**
- **Saturday, March 4, 9:30 am-noon**

At NYDIS: 22 Cortlandt St., 20th flr, Manhattan ([map](#))

**Please register at:**

[www.nydis.org/resources/headlines/02-01-06a.php](http://www.nydis.org/resources/headlines/02-01-06a.php)

For more information, visit [www.nydis.org](http://www.nydis.org) or contact:  
Gili Chupak, Katrina Relief Coordinator  
669-6108, [gchupak@nydis.org](mailto:gchupak@nydis.org)

■ **NYC 9/11Unmet Needs Roundtable Updates**

• **Client Inquiry Form Now Available Online**

NYDIS has created an online Unmet Needs Roundtable Client Inquiry Form to assist clients who are interested in accessing assistance through the NYC 9/11 Unmet Needs Roundtable. The Roundtable program, recently funded by a \$1.7M grant from the American Red Cross, addresses the unmet financial needs of direct victims of 9/11 and their dependent family members by providing support while simultaneously assisting in planning for and achieving self-sufficiency. **Individuals must be represented at the Roundtable by caseworkers from organizations that provide case management services.**



To access the form, go to:

[www.nydis.org/unmetneeds/7.php](http://www.nydis.org/unmetneeds/7.php)

• **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).

- o 1:00-3:30 pm - Monday, February 13

- **Roundtable Schedule**

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-12 pm – Thursday, February 9
- o 9:30 am-12 pm – Thursday, February 23

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

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## COMMUNITY NEWS AND EVENTS

### ■ Katrina Evacuee Updates and Resources

- **FEMA Hotel Update**

The The Jan. 30 deadline for Hurricane Katrina and Rita evacuees to obtain authorization codes from FEMA for continued usage of the hotel/motel direct bill program has been extended through Feb. 2. Evacuees in hotels and motels **must contact FEMA by Feb. 2** at 1-800-621-FEMA (TTY 1-800-462-7585) to extend their hotel stay beyond the night of Feb. 6.



- **FEMA Registration Deadline**

March 11 is the deadline for those impacted by Hurricanes Katrina and Wilma to register for federal recovery assistance.

To register online, go to:  
[www.fema.gov/register.shtm](http://www.fema.gov/register.shtm)

To register by phone, call:  
1.800-621-FEMA

- **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:  
[www.nydis.org](http://www.nydis.org)

- **Housing Resources for Evacuees**

**Affordable Housing Resource Center:** NYC Mayor Michael Bloomberg has announced the creation of



the online Affordable Housing Resource Center to assist New Yorkers (evacuees) with information on more than a dozen city agencies involved in housing matters. The site provides information and advice on buying and renting in the private market, legal rights and responsibilities, and health tips. To access, go to: [www.nyc.gov/housing](http://www.nyc.gov/housing)

**Disaster Housing Resources Online:** This resource is geared to assist evacuees with finding housing and for others to post vacancies for evacuees. To access, go to: [www.DHROnline.org](http://www.DHROnline.org).

**Other Online Resources:** [www.homesforkatrina.org](http://www.homesforkatrina.org),  
[www.katrinahousing.org](http://www.katrinahousing.org)

- **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.**



- **IRS Offers Online Tool for Hurricane Victims**

The Internal Revenue Service has created a special online tool to assist victims of Hurricanes, Katrina, Rita and Wilma that will ease eligibility requirements for the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) and the Additional Child Tax Credit (ACTC), allowing more options to qualify for substantial tax refunds.



For more info, go to:

[www.irs.gov/individuals/article/0,,id=151658,00.html](http://www.irs.gov/individuals/article/0,,id=151658,00.html)

- **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.



Go to: [www.nydis.org/resources/headlines/02-02-06.php](http://www.nydis.org/resources/headlines/02-02-06.php)

- **NY/NJ Disaster Human Services Network Compiles Guide**

A comprehensive directory of programs offered in NY and NJ to assist Hurricane Katrina and Rita evacuees is being compiled by various federal, local and voluntary agencies, the Coordinated Assistance Network (CAN) and NYDIS. If your agency is providing assistance to evacuees in NJ or NY, please provide that information for the guide.

To download the template (xls), go to:

[www.nydis.org/resources/materials/Resource\\_Database\\_Template.xls](http://www.nydis.org/resources/materials/Resource_Database_Template.xls)

Send to:

Kim Anderson, [Kim.Anderson@dhs.org](mailto:Kim.Anderson@dhs.org)

Phone: 212-680-3617

Fax: 212-680-3610

### ■ Factsheets Published for Katrina/Rita Cleanup Workers

The NY Committee for Occupational Safety & Health (NYCOSH) has just published How to Use a Respirator: A Factsheet for Katrina and Rita Cleanup Workers.



Another factsheet on mold was published last month for Gulf Coast cleanup workers. The factsheets can be freely reproduced and distributed.

To download both factsheets, go to:

[www.nycosh.org/environment\\_wtc/natural\\_catastrophes\\_index.htm](http://www.nycosh.org/environment_wtc/natural_catastrophes_index.htm)

### ■ New FEMA Director Appointed for Region II

Stephen Kempf, Jr. has been appointed FEMA Region II director for the New York area. He assumed his new post Jan. 30. Most recently Director Kempf served as vice president of Infrastructure Emergency Response and Coastal Protection Divisions at Hatch Mott MacDonald, in Freehold, N.J., where he directed marketing and business development activities involving infrastructure security planning, emergency management, coastal protection and municipal engineering.



### ■ Ailing 9/11 Responder Attends State of the Union

As the 9/11 health crisis worsens, an ailing 9/11 hero was in Washington Tuesday night at the invitation of Rep. Carolyn Maloney (D-NY) to attend President Bush's State of the Union address and deliver a message of need. Marvin Bethea, a paramedic who was buried when responding to the 9/11 attacks, has since suffered serious health effects and was in Washington to represent the thousands of sick and injured 9/11 responders. Rep. Maloney has written President Bush about Bethea's visit and mission, and to call again for a federal 9/11 health czar to coordinate the government's response to the health crisis.



To read more, go to:

[www.house.gov/maloney/press/109th/20060131Bethea.htm](http://www.house.gov/maloney/press/109th/20060131Bethea.htm)

### ■ Growing Concern Over 9/11 Recovery Worker Health

To read what other publications have to say about the increasing deaths and illness of 9/11 recovery workers, check out the following:

- *Unions Call For Death Benefit In Post-9/11 Cases; Wary of Growing Toll Among Responders To WTC Site*  
By Ginger Adams Otis, The Chief Leader  
[www.thechief-leader.com/news/2006/0127/News/003.html](http://www.thechief-leader.com/news/2006/0127/News/003.html)
- *9/11 Responders Are Now in Need of Help*  
By Sheryl McCarthy, Newsday  
[www.newsday.com/mynews/ny-nysher234598685jan23\\_0,2134887.column](http://www.newsday.com/mynews/ny-nysher234598685jan23_0,2134887.column)
- *Ground Zero Deaths Need Investigating*  
Editorial, Daily News

[www.nydailynews.com/news/ideas\\_opinions/story/384610p-326449c.html](http://www.nydailynews.com/news/ideas_opinions/story/384610p-326449c.html)

- *Ground Zero Workers From Triad Healthy*  
By Jim Schlosser, The News & Record (Greensboro, NC)  
[www.news-record.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20060121/NEWSREC0101/601210307/-1/NEWSRECRSS](http://www.news-record.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20060121/NEWSREC0101/601210307/-1/NEWSRECRSS)
- *9/11 killed hero cop?*  
By Maureen Seaberg & Jose Martines, Daily News  
[www.nydailynews.com/01-29-2006/front/story/386761p-328062c.html](http://www.nydailynews.com/01-29-2006/front/story/386761p-328062c.html)

### ■ 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](http://www.usfa.fema.gov/heroesstamp)

### ■ World Cares Center Offers Volunteer Training

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, 520 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](mailto:cpaquet@worldcares.org)  
[www.worldcares.org](http://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](mailto:info@itspnyc.org)  
212-691-6499  
[www.fsos2.che.umn.edu/boss/default.html](http://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. Keynote Speakers have been announced and will address the topic, "Lessons Learned from Katrina, Public-Private Information Flows, the Critical Human Element in Preparedness." 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](http://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](http://www.antiracistalliance.com)

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#### FROM OUR MEMBERS AND PARTNERS

- **Faith Walk Leader to Present Paper at National Conference**

Pr. Lisa Bellen-Boyer, one of the regular Faith Walk leaders at Ground Zero, will present a paper for the Mid-Atlantic Regional American Academy of Religion/Society of Biblical Literature (AAR/SBL) Conference in Baltimore in March. She will discuss how the World Trade Center site is a place of pilgrimage.



To arrange for a faith walk online, go to:



[www.ldrny.org](http://www.ldrny.org), click on Comfort and Renew Center/KoinoniaNYC

Or contact:

The Rev. Ann Tiemeyer

212-669-6131, [KoinoniaNYC@yahoo.com](mailto:KoinoniaNYC@yahoo.com)

- **Unsung Heroes Organization Elects Michael Arcari**

Faith Response Director Michael Arcari has been elected to the Executive Board of Unsung Heroes Helping Heroes and serves as the organization's treasurer.



For more information on Faithful Response, go to:

[www.ldrny.org](http://www.ldrny.org)

- **NYCOSH Relocates to Downtown Mahattan**

NY Committee for Occupational Safety and Health has relocated to 116 John St., Ste 604, NYC 10038. Phone: 212-227-6440; FAX: 212-227-9854; Email: [nycosh@nycosh.org](mailto:nycosh@nycosh.org); Website: [www.nycosh.org](http://www.nycosh.org)



- **NY Faith Leaders Call for Humane Immigration Reform**

NY religious leaders in collaboration with the Immigration Coalition held a press conference In Battery Park on Feb. 1, with the Statue of Liberty as the backdrop, urging the president and Congress to reform the immigration system. More than half a dozen faiths and denominations were represented.

In December, the House of Representatives, with the president's support, passed an immigration bill that would criminalize millions of undocumented immigrant workers and their family members. With the Senate expected to take up immigration in the coming days, many in the faith community are concerned about the plight of undocumented immigrants.

Religious Leaders who participated in the press conference included: **Imam Samer Al Raey**, Islamic Cultural Center of New York, **Bishop Stephen Bouman**, Metropolitan New York Synod (Evangelical Lutheran), **Rabbi Daniel S. Brenner**, Director, Center for Multifaith Education at Auburn Theological Seminary, **Father John Duffell**, Church of the Ascension (Catholic), Co-Chair, Voices for Immigrant Justice, **Reverend Dr. Bob Edgar**, General Secretary, National Council of Churches, **Mother Maria Isabel Santiviago**, San Juan Bautista Church, Bronx (Episcopalian), **Sardani Sahiba Sat Kirin Kaur Khalsa**, Executive Secretary, Sikh Dharma International of New York, Head Minister, Sikh Dharma New York, Reverend **Pamela L. Ward**, Founder/CEO, Redeemed Outreach Ministries.

- **September Space Lower Manhattan (SSLM)**

SSLM is a community center designed to serve those affected by 9/11 and evacuees from the recent Gulf hurricanes, has a host of free health and wellness activities and events. These programs are open to those affected by 9/11 or experiencing the reconstruction process of lower Manhattan, and to the significant number of Gulf Coast residents who have relocated to the New York Metro area because of the recent hurricanes.



For more information, contact:

Laura Horowitz

## 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](mailto:sphelps@metropolitan.edu)  
[www.metropolitan.edu/publicaffairs/mpa\\_emergency.php](http://www.metropolitan.edu/publicaffairs/mpa_emergency.php)

### ■ Pets Becoming Part of Preparedness Planning

Amid the chaos following Hurricane Katrina, hundreds of anguished pet owners were forced to decide between leaving their beloved animals behind or evacuating to a safe shelter. "No one should ever have to make that choice," said Melissa Rubin, vice president of field and disaster Services for the Humane Society of the United States (HSUS).



HSUS and other voluntary agencies are urging Congress to support the Pets Evacuation and Transportation Standards (PETS) Act requiring state and local authorities to include both pets and service animals in their disaster evacuation plans. (NYC Office of Emergency Management is working on a Pet Preparedness guide that will soon be released.)

The bipartisan bill (H.R. 3858) has been introduced by Rep. Tom Lantos (D-Calif.), Rep. Christopher Shays (R-Conn.), Rep. Barney Frank (D-Mass.), Rep. Don Young (R-Alaska) and Rep. James Oberstar (D-Minn.). A corresponding Senate bill is expected.

For more info, check out:  
[www.disasternews.net/news/news.php?articleid=3035](http://www.disasternews.net/news/news.php?articleid=3035)

### ■ Houses of Worship Potentially Vulnerable to Avian Flu

Meeting recently with Mary Marr of the Christian Emergency Network, Dr. Scott Santabanez, U.S. Public Health Service Faith-Based Representative at the National Center for Disease Control (CDC) in Atlanta, discussed the vulnerability of houses of worship should there be a pandemic outbreak of Avian Flu. Seemingly harmless practices like shaking or hold hands, participants seated near each other, and hugging pose risks for houses of worship during a pandemic. The CDC is not only



interested in having faith communities address these issues as they come to light, but more importantly within the context of the larger issue of emergency preparedness.

In addition to mitigating the spread of Avian Flu at services or events, members of houses of worship should be personally prepared with a plan and survival kit, but should be part of the congregation's larger response and preparedness plan to help others in an emergency. In order to do so, Houses of worship and their members should become informed on infectious diseases and other emergencies. Below are websites that provide useful preparedness information. Check them out and pass them along to your house of worship. If you have a bulletin or newsletter, include information on preparedness and useful websites on a regular basis. It is also useful to offer sermons, classes, and training events on preparedness to raise the consciousness of your house of worship.

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

[www.pandemicflu.gov/plan/tab7.html](http://www.pandemicflu.gov/plan/tab7.html)

[www.christianemergencynetwork.org](http://www.christianemergencynetwork.org)

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

[www.pandemicflu.gov](http://www.pandemicflu.gov)

[www.nyc.gov/html/doh/html/testi/testi20051117.shtml](http://www.nyc.gov/html/doh/html/testi/testi20051117.shtml)

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[www.nydis.org](http://www.nydis.org)

To receive Alerts, subscribe to NYDISnet:

[www.nydis.org/pages/newsletter\\_registration.htm](http://www.nydis.org/pages/newsletter_registration.htm)

#### ■ **New York City Disaster Preparedness Information**

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



Information and other preparedness resources are available at:

[www.nyc.gov/html/oem/html/readynewyork/home.html](http://www.nyc.gov/html/oem/html/readynewyork/home.html)

#### ■ **Is Your House of Worship Prepared?**

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](mailto:slockwood@nydis.org).

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**JOB OPPORTUNITIES IN DISASTER SERVICES**

- **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\\_HTM.htm](http://www.episcopalchurch.org/hr_70656_ENG_HTM.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: [RachaelG@tributenyc.org](mailto:RachaelG@tributenyc.org)

September 11th Families Association

For more info on the volunteer program, go to: [www.tributenyc.org](http://www.tributenyc.org)

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## WE RECOMMEND...

- **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](http://www.shs.net/samhsadr/contents.htm)

- **An Incredible Thing at Mississippi Camp**

The volunteer camp on the grounds of St. Paul United Methodist Church in coastal Mississippi is growing every day - and the camp director expects that more than 10,000 volunteers will have stayed there by the end of the summer. Read the full story at:

[www.disasternews.net/news/news.php?articleid=3041](http://www.disasternews.net/news/news.php?articleid=3041)

- **Lack of Housing Plan Chafes Responders**

As post-Katrina recovery evolves, federal officials are concerned that faith-based and voluntary groups could experience a wave of public criticism over expectations regarding housing. Read the full story at:

[www.disasternews.net/news/news.php?articleid=3040](http://www.disasternews.net/news/news.php?articleid=3040)

- **Common Ground Collective Provides Aid, Teams & Solidarity with Gulf Coast**

Check out this organization at:

[www.commongroundrelief.org](http://www.commongroundrelief.org)

- **APHA Adopts Policy Resolution on Worker Safety and Health**

The American Public Health Association has adopted 29 policy

resolutions, five of which are of special interest to occupational safety and health activists and to advocates for vulnerable workers. The text of the five resolutions is posted at: [www.apha.org/legislative/policy/policysearch](http://www.apha.org/legislative/policy/policysearch)

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