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DEAR FRIENDS OF NYDIS:

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.

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

PETER B. GUDAITIS, M.DIV.
Executive Director & CEO

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



LOOKING BACK TO GO FORWARD

Creating Interdisciplinary Ties in
Disaster Recovery



disaster psychiatry outreach

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

Free Online Registration • Continental Breakfast and Lunch Provided
NYU Kimmel Center • 60 Washington Square South ([map](#))

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, the 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

INQUIRIES

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■ NYDIS Signs MOU with OEM



NYDIS Executive Director Peter Gudaitis and NYC Office of Emergency Management (OEM) Commissioner Joseph F. Bruno signed a Memorandum of Understanding on Feb. 6 to define the relationship between OEM and NYDIS member agencies. The MOU acknowledges NYDIS as the integral partner of OEM in city-wide mitigation education and preparedness

training of faith communities and faith-based organizations. It also defines NYDIS' role in OEM's Emergency Operations Center.

To obtain a copy, please email a request to Peter Gudaitis, NYDIS, Executive Director, at pgudaitis@nydis.org.

■ NYDIS Awards Continuity of 9/11 Services Grants

Through a \$200,000 grant from Episcopal Relief and Development, NYDIS is pleased to announce the recipients of the *Continuity of 9/11 Services* grants.



These grants are awarded to local social service organizations that are providing long-term recovery services to underserved communities affected by the terrorist attacks so that they may retain a dedicated 9/11 case manager through 2006. Grantees will accept referrals for clients in need of case management and will present cases at the NYC 9/11 Unmet Needs Roundtable.

The *Continuity of 9/11 Services* grantees are:

- **Association Tepeyac De New York**
- **Hamilton-Madison House**
- **Council of Jewish Organizations (COJO) of Flatbush, Inc.**
- **Filipino American Human Services, Inc. (FASHI)**

NYDIS commends the many service providers that have shown continued excellence and commitment to serving 9/11 impacted communities.

■ **Salvation Army Decentralizes WTC Assistance**

The Salvation Army of Greater NY's WTC Recovery office on East 52nd St. will officially close as of June 30. By that date The Salvation Army will be referring all remaining active WTC clients to case managers at its Corps Community Centers throughout Manhattan. Over the next four months, The Salvation Army will partner with NYDIS's 9/11 Outreach Coordinator, Mariam Mahmud, to send as many cases as possible to the NYC 9/11 Unmet Needs Roundtable to secure sustainable recovery support. Additionally, NYDIS staff will train the Army's Community Center caseworkers to effectively assist WTC clients and to continue to utilize the Roundtable. "We will continue to assist any remaining WTC victims and their families as long as we are needed", said Major John Hodgson, Secretary for Program. Peter Gudaitis, NYDIS Executive Director, is committed to supporting the critical long-term recovery efforts of The Army and provide training for their personnel in Chinatown, Harlem, Greenwich Village and in Midtown.



Contact Mariam Mahmud, NYDIS, 9/11 Outreach Coordinator:
212-669-6100
mmahmud@nydis.org

■ **Brown Bag Lunch to Discuss Subway Preparedness**

NYDIS's Planning & Training Program will sponsor a Brown Bag lunch Wednesday, March 15, 11:30 am - 12:30 pm at NYDIS to discuss preparedness and subway security issues with staff of Queens Council Member John Liu (right) who chairs the Council's Committee on Transportation. Bring your lunch and questions. NYDIS will furnish drinks.



To RSVP:
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asakho@nydis.org

For more information on the event:
Adem Carroll
718-658-7028
iamourhaj@aol.com

For more information on Council Member Liu:
www.nyccouncil.info/constituent/member_details.cfm?con_id=49

■ Katrina Evacuee Case Manager Training II

The Training Subcommittee of the Katrina Coordinating Group is offering an all-day training specifically for case managers working with Katrina evacuees on Tuesday, March 7. Case managers will receive practical information and tools that will help them serve evacuees effectively, as well as the chance to network and learn from one another. The training is intended for both new Katrina Case Management staff as well as for those who attended the first training in December. Space is limited and advance registration is required. One registration per agency for all participants. Registrations should be completed online at: www.nydis.org/resources/headlines/02-22-06.php



Download flyer:

www.nydis.org/resources/headlines/materials/Katrina_Case_Manager.pdf

We thank NYDIS's pro bono law firm, Chadbourne & Parke, LLP, for hosting this training and providing breakfast and lunch to the caseworkers.

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■ NYDIS in Article about 9/11 Recovery Worker's Struggle

Disaster News Network's February 17 article *Post-9/11 Needs Surfacing* features the positive impact of aid a ground zero recovery worker received from the NYC 9/11 Unmet Needs Roundtable. Aaron Edelman currently faces serious illnesses due to his work in the clean-up effort. The article states, "He has powerful words about those who have helped him since September, noting that they've brought him back from the edge. The involved agencies, including NYDIS's' Sept. 11 Unmet Needs Roundtable, helped him pay months of back rent. 'I was getting evicted from my house and they got me financial help. They've helped me so much, I can't imagine where I'd be without them,' said Edelman."



Read the full article at:

www.disasternews.net/news/news.php?articleid=3063

■ NYC 9/11 Unmet Needs Roundtable Updates

• Client Inquiry Form Now Available Online

NYDIS has created an online Unmet Needs Roundtable Client Inquiry Form to assist clients in accessing assistance through the NYC 9/11 Unmet Needs Roundtable. The Roundtable program, 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:

- **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](#)).

- **Monday, March 6 - 1:00-3:30 pm**
- **Tuesday, March 21 - 9:30 am-12:00 pm**
- **Monday, April 3 - 1:00-3:30 pm**
- **Tuesday, April 18 - 9:00-12:00 noon**

- **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.

- **Thursday, March 9 - 9:30 am-12:00 noon**
- **Thursday, March 23 - 9:30 am-12:00 noon**
- **Thursday, April 6 - 9:30 am-12:00 noon**
- **Thursday, April 20 - 9:30 am-12:00 noon**

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

212-669-6105

mjarry@nydis.org

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COMMUNITY NEWS AND EVENTS

- **Hurricane Katrina Recovery Yellow Pages**

Compiled by Church World Service, the Recovery Yellow Pages is a nation-wide listing of long term recovery initiatives throughout the country addressing the needs of survivors of the 2005 Hurricanes with contact information available for each initiative. To add your initiative to the listings, email Lesli Ramly of Church World Service at lremaly@churchworldservice.org.



Download Recovery Yellow Pages (1MB pdf):

www.nydis.org/resources/materials/Recovery_Yellow_Pages.pdf

- **Katrina Evacuee Updates and Resources**

- **FEMA Hotel Update**

FEMA has extended the deadline for hotel/motel stays for Katrina evacuees to March 1 if evacuees have a definitive longer-term housing plan that can/will be implemented on or before March 1 or have special needs. FEMA is also providing extension until March 1 or beyond to evacuees who have not received all of their assistance or have cases pending or in appeal. The Radisson Hotel in Queens is continuing to house about 100 Katrina evacuees who lack housing.



- **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

To register by phone, call:
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

- **Help: Katrina Evacuees Need Housing**

Katrina evacuees still need your help. There are an estimated 2,000 households living in the five boroughs. About 100 families remain in area hotels, and FEMA has begun "terminating" hotel stays, forcing evacuees into the streets or city shelters. Other evacuees have found housing but lack household essentials such as pots, pans, beds and brooms. The Katrina Evacuee Sponsorship Program, formed by NYDIS and Episcopal Migration Ministries, offers ways you can get involved:

- Help furnish an apartment - [download more information](#)
- Make "Welcome Kits" that contain household items from kitchen utensils to bedding - [download more information](#) and [worksheet](#)
- Help an evacuee family move
- Offer pro-bono medical and mental health support
- Provide emotional and spiritual support
- Make space available for a support group (facilitator provided by EMM/NYDIS)
- Sponsor a family for a period of 3-6 months and help them secure housing and a job

EMM and NYDIS will train and support your group and provide guidance, knowledge and expertise along the way. Call us today to get started:

Gili Chupak, NYDIS, Katrina Evacuee Relief Coordinator:
212-669-6108

gchupak@nydis.org

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

Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of NY provides referrals to all Hurricane Katrina evacuees living in NYC who are seeking a case manager to assist with services and recovery needs. **Call the helpline 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

- **NYC Katrina Evacuee Updates From HSC**

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. The most recent update is January 20.



Go to: www.nydis.org/resources/headlines/02-02-06.php

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

NYDIS, with the Coordinated Assistance Network (CAN) and Catholic Charities of NY, is compiling a comprehensive directory of programs offered in NY and NJ to assist Hurricanes Katrina and Rita evacuees. 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

Send to:

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212-669-6108

gchupak@nydis.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 or personal representatives of emergency relief personnel killed in the line of duty are eligible for compensation through the 9/11 Heroes Stamp Program. 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

- **Disaster/Trauma Suicide Sensitivity Training**

The Samaritans of New York offers free Helping Others training sessions to help those who are in crisis and suicidal. Those who work with disaster survivors who experience trauma that could lead to feelings of suicide will learn about the causes, warning signs and risk factors; and how to provide effective emotional support. Pre-registration is required and breakfast will be served.

The logo for 'The Samaritans' features the words 'The Samaritans' in a stylized, orange, sans-serif font, set against a black rectangular background.


Thursday, March 2, 8:30 am-12:30 pm

Lehman College, Bronx

Thursday, March 30, 8:30 am-12:30 pm
Queensborough Community College, Queens


For registration and information, contact Adrienne:
212-677-3009
samaritansnyc@aol.com

■ One Day's Pay Breakfast and Presentation

On Tuesday, March 14, at 8:30-10:00 am, join  Citigroup and One Day's Pay, the nonprofit initiative to establish 9/11 as a national day of good deeds, charity and community service, to discuss how to transform the 5th Anniversary of 9/11 into the National Day of Service. It will take place at the Citigroup Center at 153 East 53rd Street in the Executive Conference Center on the 14th floor.

Please RSVP by March 10 to Sarah Slifko at 212-867-1117.
For more information, visit:
www.onedayspay.org


■ International Conference on Faith and Service

Peter Gudaitis, Executive Director of NYDIS, will  join more than 500 leaders from the fields of religion, community service, academia, and public service at the Omni Shoreham Hotel in Washington, DC, on Wednesday, March 22 at 8:30 am-4:00 pm. The theme, "Building Bridges through Interreligious Dialogue and Youth Civic Engagement", promotes collaboration among leaders of Christian, Jewish, Muslim, and other faiths, to emphasize the vital role religious dialogue and youth service plays in reducing conflict throughout the world.

The conference is free. To register online and for more information, go to:
www.faihandserviceconference.org

There is also a printable registration on the website, or you may request a printable form by sending an email to:
secretariat@faithandserviceconference.org

■ Disaster/Trauma Survivors Treatment Conference

An all-day event to be held on Friday, April 21 at the State University of New York at New Paltz, and  organized by the Institute for Disaster Mental Health, is recommended for Mental Health Professionals and Interns, Social Services and Spiritual Care Providers, and all those working with trauma/disaster survivors. Supported by a September 11th recovery grant from the American Red Cross Liberty Disaster Relief Fund.

For itinerary and registration information, download:
www.nydis.org/resources/materials/DMHI_Conference_Brochure.pdf

For further information, call 845-257-3477 or email:
IDMH@newpaltz.edu

■ **Feel The Music! Offers Workshops for 9/11 Impacted Youth**

Feel the Music!, a project of The World Foundation for Music and Healing, offers workshops for children and teens who lost a parent or close family member on 9/11. Workshops are taught by professional musicians and are available in songwriting, percussion, singing, and jazz. Programs are interactive, age-appropriate, free of charge and require no prior musical experience. A retreat for families in Nassau and Suffolk County is also scheduled for March 17-19.



To sign up for a program or set up a workshop in your area, contact:
Valerie Ghent
212-669-6126

valerie@musicandhealing.org
www.musicandhealing.org

■ **Undoing Racism Workshop Offered Locally**

Hurricane Katrina provides us a platform 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 is sponsoring a workshop 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:
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

• **Two Churches Aid Displaced New Orleans Family**

A family devastated by Hurricane Katrina has found a blessing in the congregations of New Hope, Jamaica, and Resurrection, St. Albans, Queens. Relocated from New Orleans to New York City via Houston after their home was destroyed, they were housed through a Red Cross program in a hotel near these two churches. When the housing program ended, the family had nowhere to go and ended up on the street, with Mom due to deliver her baby any day.



To read how the churches came to the rescue, go to:
www.LDRNY.org

- **Homeland Security Chief Announces FEMA Reorganization**

Homeland Security Secretary Michael Chertoff announced wide-ranging changes to FEMA on Feb. 13 on the heels of a congressional report blaming government-wide ineptitude for mishandling Hurricane Katrina relief. He rejected criticism that his agency is preoccupied with terror threats, at the expense of preparing for natural disasters like Hurricane Katrina. The first steps to overhauling FEMA include creating a full-time response force of 1,500 new employees and establishing a more reliable system to report on disasters as they unfold.



- **Salvation Army Offers CISM Training**

The Salvation Army Emergency Disaster Services training program is offering a two-day training in Critical Incident Stress Management, Individual Crisis Intervention & Peer Support, March 22 & 23, 8:30 am-4:30 pm, at their Divisional HQ, 120 W. 14th St., Manhattan. The training, often referred to as "emotional first-aid," is geared toward emergency responders, volunteers and agency staff without formal mental health training, chaplains and clergy, and individuals who wish to increase their knowledge of individual crisis intervention techniques. Mr. John Berglund, National Disaster Services, Salvation Army National Headquarters, is the instructor.



To register, contact:

Roger Rischawy, Director, Emergency Disaster Services:
212-337-7459

Roger_rischawy@usa.salvationarmy.org

www.salvationarmy-newyork.org

- **EDNY Helps LA Parishes Post-Katrina**

The Episcopal Diocese of NY is participating in We Will Stand By You, a nation-wide program sponsored by the Episcopal Church, that partners dioceses, congregations, and institutions with parishes in the hurricane-devastated areas of Louisiana. For more information, contact: The Rev. Canon John Osgood, 212-316-7415, josgood@dioceseny.org, or Neva Rae Fox, 212-316-7520, nrfox@dioceseny.org.



- **September Space Offers Self-Care/Healing Programs**

- World Cares Center invites you to WTC Health Week March 6 through 10. Speakers from the New York Rescue Worker's Detoxification Project, Sierra Club, Lower Manhattan Development Corporation, Mt. Sinai and Bellevue Clinics will provide information and options on 9/11 health related issues. Participants will have access to stress-reduction treatments, blood pressure and cholesterol screenings, and a free lunch every day at noon. Download the schedule: www.nydis.org/resources/materials/Health_Week_06.pdf



September Space Lower Manhattan is located at 11 Broadway 11th floor. RSVP by Thursday, March 3 to Laura Horowitz at 646-289-3098 or lhowitz@worldcares.org.

Visit www.worldcares.org.

- September Space Midtown and Lower Manhattan (SSMLM)

offers free and beneficial healing programs such as Message Therapy, Tai Chi, Acupuncture, a Quilting Circle, Awareness Through Movement Classes, Yoga and a Book Club for those impacted by 9/11.

For more information, contact:

Laura Horowitz

646-289-3098

www.worldcares.org

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PREPAREDNESS CORNER

■ NYDIS/OEM Introduce Faith-Based Initiative 2006



*Helping Houses of Worship Better
Prepare in the Event of a Disaster*



NYDIS has teamed with the NYC Office of Emergency Management to provide six exciting and informative Ready New York events throughout the year on emergency preparedness. These free events focus on an all-hazard approach to personal, congregational, and community preparedness and are open to everyone of all faiths in each community. Refreshments will be served.

Dates, Times, and House of Worship Locations

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 5

Gurdwara Baba Makhan Shah Lubana, Queens
113-01 101 Ave.
6:30-8:30 pm

WEDNESDAY, MAY 24

Central Synagogue, Manhattan
123 E. 55th St.
6:30-8:30 pm

TUESDAY, JUNE 13

St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Staten Island
225 St. Paul's Ave.
6:30-8:30 pm

SUNDAY, AUGUST 13

Islamic Society of Bay Ridge, Brooklyn
6807 5th Ave.
6:30-8:30 pm

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

St. Helena's Roman Catholic Church, Bronx
1315 Olmstead Ave.
6:30-8:30 pm

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 10

Salvation Army, Harlem Temple, Manhattan
540 Lenox Ave at 135 St.
6:30-8:30 pm

To register* to attend one of these events, go to:
www.nydis.org/resources/headlines/02-15-06.php

**If you require any special accommodations, please contact NYDIS at least five days before the event.*

For more information about the events, call NYDIS:
212-660-6100

For more information about the NYC Office of Emergency Management's Ready New York Program, please visit:
www.nyc.gov/readyny

■ NYC Disaster Preparedness Information Available Online

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

■ Global Spread of the Asian Flu Virus Rapidly Increasing

The occurrence of the disease in India last week brings the total number of countries affected by the H5N1 infection in wild and domestic birds to 13 since the beginning of February. In order of reporting, they are Iraq, Nigeria, Azerbaijan, Bulgaria, Greece, Italy, Slovenia, Iran, Austria, Germany, Egypt, India and France. And on February 20, Malaysia reported a fresh outbreak in poultry after having been considered free of the disease for more than a year. The collaboration of Faith-Based and Community Organizations with public health agencies is essential in protecting the public's health and safety if and when an influenza pandemic such as the Avian Flu occurs. The checklist provided by the Centers for Disease Control on the government's Pandemic Flu website offers guidance and a checklist for religious organizations, faith-based social service agencies, and community organizations in developing and improving influenza pandemic response and preparedness plans.



For more information, go to:
www.pandemicflu.gov

And for the faith-based preparedness checklist, go to:
www.pandemicflu.gov/plan/pdf/faithbasedCommunityChecklist.pdf

■ 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.

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SAVE THE DATE

- **NYDIS 2006 Clergy Preparedness Summit**

Our third annual one-day conference for clergy and religious leaders will be held on June 1 at NYU's Kimmel Center. Further details will be available in NYDISnet in April and on www.nydis.org.



- **Long Island/New York City Emergency Management Conference "Back to Basics"** on May 31-June 1 at the Huntington Hilton in Melville, NY.



For details, go to:

www.linycemconference.com

- **NY State VOAD Conference** The Human Services Conference will be taking place on June 27 and 28 at C.W. Post in Long Island.



For details on the workshops and the registration, contact:

Rebecca Buzon, NYSVOAD Coordinator
585-328-3380 ext. 127

rebecca@foodlinkny.org

- **NSIS's First Regional Conference** The National Security & Intelligence Society (NSIS) is hosting "Securing Houses of Worship: Putting on the Full Armor of God" at the East Brunswick, NJ Hilton on March 21-22 and at the Atlanta Hilton on September 6-7. It will address all levels of readiness, response, recovery and security for houses of worship during natural, man-induced and national security emergencies and include 15 sessions, 2 breakfasts, 2 lunches and a dinner networking reception for \$395.



Register at: www.nsiscorp.com

Contact Ty Fairman at 877-378-0166 toll free.

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JOB OPPORTUNITIES IN DISASTER SERVICES

- **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.

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

RachaelG@tributenyc.org

September 11th Families Association

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

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WE RECOMMEND...

- **PlainViews: E-Newsletter for Spiritual Care Providers**

Subscribe to this new bi-monthly e-newsletter offering views on Professional Practice, Advocacy, Education & Research, and Spiritual Development. Sponsored by the HealthCare Chaplaincy in NYC and edited by NYDIS Board Member, Rev. Martha Jacobs. Send your email address to: info@plainviews.org



www.plainviews.org

- **SAMSHA's Consensus Statement on Mental Health Recovery**

Developed by experts representing mental health consumers, families, providers, advocates, researchers, managed care organizations, and state and local public officials, the Consensus Statement outlines principles necessary to achieve mental health recovery. The National Consensus Statement on Mental Health Recovery is available at SAMSHA's National Mental Health Information Center at www.mentalhealth.samhsa.gov or call 800-789-2647.



- **President's Report on Lessons Learned in Katrina** The 288 page report is now out and can be linked at: www.whitehouse.gov/reports/katrina-lessons-learned/index.html

- **Common Ground Collective** is doing cleanup work and so much more in New Orleans. This community-initiated volunteer collective, with the participation of youth volunteers from all over the country, is providing short term relief and assistance to hurricane victims. Contact the Volunteer Coordination Team at 504-218-6613 or go to: www.commongroundrelief.org.



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MAKE A GIFT TO NYDIS

- **SUPPORT NYDIS - DONATE 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 online, go to the NYDIS homepage and click "Make a Donation":

www.nydis.org

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

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