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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 NEWS AND EVENTS

■ NYDIS Provides Upstate NY Flood Resources Online

On July 5 NYDIS sent out a NYDISnet Alert, "[Disaster Aid Available for Upstate Flood Victims](#)", in response to the presidential declaration of a federal disaster in twelve upstate NY counties, offering assistance to our upstate neighbors. Several NYDIS member agencies mobilized immediately and continue to offer relief and recovery initiatives in the field.

NYDIS has established an online resource center and will keep it updated on a regular basis. If you have information or resources to post on our website, contact:

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Please go to the NYDIS website for resources, news and updates on the flooding crisis:

www.nydis.org/recovery/12.php

■ NYDIS Co-Hosts Katrina Case Management Luncheon

In recognition of case managers serving Katrina evacuees in NYC, NYDIS sponsored a "lessons learned" discussion that was followed by a celebratory lunch on June 22. It was graciously hosted by Chadbourne &



Parke LLP at their offices in Rockefeller Center. We would like to thank Human Services Council and Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of New York for making this event possible. All caseworkers were given a Recognition Certificate from NYDIS, HSC, and CCANY.

■ NYDIS Staff Attends CAN Symposium in DC

NYDIS' Gili Chupak attended the Coordinated Assistance Network (CAN) Symposium in Washington, DC on June 27 and 28. Participating were 12 communities from across the country with New York City being one of six pilot communities. CAN was created to coordinate and share client and resource information in order to build a better overall system of disaster response and recovery in the US based on collaboration. The Symposium offered an opportunity for participating communities to share experiences and information on collaboration in disaster response and recovery. As a participating agency in the NYC pilot program, NYDIS continues to provide valuable input into the development of this important response and recovery mechanism, along with partners from Safe Horizon, the HSC, The Salvation Army, Catholic Charities of New York and NYC OEM.



For more information:

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www.can.org

■ NYC 9/11 Resources Online

A comprehensive list of 9/11 resources for victims, responders, and relief workers updated monthly:

www.nydis.org/recovery/11.php

■ NYC 9/11 Unmet Needs Roundtable Updates

- **Online 9/11 Client Inquiry Form**

To access the form, go to:

www.nydis.org/unmetneeds/7.php



- **9/11 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, July 24 – 1:00-3:30 pm**

- **NYC 9/11 Unmet Needs 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. Due to the influx of cases which need presenting, the 9/11 Unmet Needs Roundtable will be adding an additional Wednesday date each month. There will now be three meetings a month, instead of two.

- **Thursday, July 13 – 9:30 am-12:00 noon**
- **Wednesday, July 19 – 9:30 am – 12:00 noon**

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

Maggie Jarry, Moderator

212.669.6105

mjarry@nydis.org

- **NYC Katrina Evacuee Recovery Resources Online**

A comprehensive list of news, updates and resources on Katrina evacuees in NYC and information on NYDIS' Katrina Evacuee Recovery Program updated weekly:
www.nydis.org/katrina

- **NYC Katrina Unmet Needs Roundtable**

- **Online NYC Katrina Evacuee Inquiry Form**

To access the form, go to:

www.nydis.org/unmetneeds/9.php



- **NYC Katrina In-Service Training for Case Managers**

In May, NYDIS was awarded funding through 2006 to staff and host the NYC Katrina Unmet Needs Roundtable. Case managers working with Katrina or Rita survivors are required to attend an in-service training prior to presenting at the Roundtable. The purpose of these trainings is to provide case managers with a better understanding of the workings of the Roundtable and to help increase the likelihood that a client's needs could be funded.

- **NYC Katrina Unmet Needs Roundtable**

The NYC Katrina Unmet Needs Roundtable aids case managers in securing cash assistance and to share resources to best meet the unmet needs of disaster victims so that they may regain self-sufficiency and recover from the impact of a disaster. The Roundtable helps to facilitate long-term recovery by supporting clients' recovery plans. Case managers who would like to present at the NYC Katrina Unmet Needs

Roundtable may submit a request the Friday prior to the Roundtable meeting.

- o **Wednesday, July 19 – 2:30-5:00 pm**

To sign up for In-Service Training or to present a case:
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COMMUNITY NEWS AND EVENTS

■ NY Flooding Worst in Decades

Last week's heavy rains caused flooding in the NY region that was some of the worst the area has ever seen. At one point, some 225 miles of New York roads were closed due to the high water and damage. The 12 counties eligible for individual assistance from FEMA are Broome, Chenango, Delaware, Herkimer, Montgomery, Oneida, Orange, Otsego, Schoharie, Sullivan, Tioga, and Ulster. Several others are eligible for public assistance. Many houses of worship in these areas are helping with recovery efforts in the storm's aftermath.



Read the full story:

www.disasternews.net/news/news.php?articleid=3215

■ Mayor and NYC OEM Announce New Coastal Storm Plan

On June 28, Mayor Bloomberg and Office of Emergency Management (OEM) Commissioner Bruno unveiled New York City's updated Coastal Storm Plan (CSP). The revised CSP, last updated in 2004, is the result of more than nine months of intense review and planning by OEM and various city, state, federal, non-profit and for-profit agencies. This comprehensive update incorporates lessons learned by first responders sent to Louisiana and Mississippi after Hurricanes Katrina and Rita.



Read the Press Release:

www.nyc.gov/html/om/html/2006a/pr223-06.html

www.nyc.gov/html/om

■ NYC OEM's Coastal Storm Presentations in Each Borough

Get advice from trained emergency management professionals on how to create a disaster plan. These events are free and open to the public and will be happening in communities that are most vulnerable to storm surge in the event of a coastal storm. After the presentation, community partners will be available to answer questions. Topics covered include: What is a coastal storm?, Why do coastal storms pose a risk to NYC?, Evacuation process, Sheltering, Personal Preparedness, and Recovery.



These houses of worship will be hosting the presentations:

Bronx/City Island: Wednesday, August 9, 5:00 pm, Trinity Methodist Church, 113 Bay Street

Manhattan/Roosevelt Island: Thursday, July 20, 6:30 pm, Chapel of the Good Shepherd, 543 Main Street

Queens/Rosedale: Wednesday, July 12, 6:00 pm, St. Clare's Church and School, 37-25 Brookville Blvd.

Staten Island: Monday, July 17 7:30 pm, St. Joseph/St. Thomas Parish, 6135 Amboy Road; Tuesday, July 18, 7:00 pm, Gateway Cathedral, 200 Boscombe Avenue; Wednesday, July 19, 7:30 pm, St. Paul's Parish, 225 St. Paul's Avenue

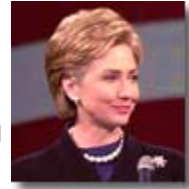
For a complete list of events by borough (pdf):

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

www.nyc.gov/oem

■ **Senator Clinton Calls for Post-Disaster Mental Health Act**

On June 20, Senator Hillary Rodham Clinton introduced legislation to help prepare first responders and health care professionals to effectively address mental health consequences in the wake of public health emergencies, like those created after 9/11 and Hurricane Katrina. The Public Mental Health Emergency Preparedness Act of 2006 would establish the National Center for Public Mental Health Emergency Preparedness to coordinate the development and delivery of mental health services in collaboration with existing federal, state and local entities when our nation is confronted with public health catastrophes.



Read the rest of her statement:

clinton.senate.gov/news/statements/details.cfm?id=257458

■ **High Suicide Rate in New Orleans Post-Katrina**

Susan Saulny, in her June 21 cover story in the New York Times, *A Legacy of the Storm: Depression and Suicide*, reports that officials say the suicide rate in New Orleans is close to triple what it was before Hurricane Katrina struck. According to Saulny, "The reminders of death are everywhere, and the emotional toll is now becoming clear."

Read the article:

www.nytimes.com/2006/06/21/us/21depress.html

■ **House Calls for HUD's Involvement in Disasters**

Congress introduced HR 5393, the Robert T. Stafford Natural Disaster Housing Reform Act of 2006, calling for the Department of Housing and Urban Development's (HUD) coordination of Federal housing assistance efforts in the case of disasters resulting in long-term housing needs.



Read the bill (pdf):

<http://financialservices.house.gov/media/pdf/109hr5393ai.pdf>

A list of proposed changes by the National Low Income Housing Coalition (pdf):

www.nydis.org/resources/materials/HR_5393_Re



www.nlihc.org

■ Action Urged for 9/11 Commission's Recommendations

Representatives Christopher Shays (CT) and Carolyn Maloney (NY), co-chairs of the 9/11 Commission Caucus, called for more action on last December's 9/11 Commission's recommendations which still have not been fully implemented. The 9/11 Public Discourse Project graded the government on carrying out their recommendations, and issued a failing, near-failing or average grade on action on 27 of their 41 recommendations. As a result, Reps. Shays and Maloney introduced H.R. 5017, the Ensuring Implementation of the 9/11 Commission Report Act, which addresses each recommendation and holds the appropriate agency accountable for reporting to Congress on its actions.



Click here for the 9/11 Public Discourse Project's report card (pdf):

www.9-11pdp.org/press/2005-12-05_summary.pdf

www.9-11pdp.org/about

■ Bloomberg Protests Loss of NYC Antiterrorism Funds

On June 21, Mayor Bloomberg of NY and Mayor Williams of Washington, DC, told the House Committee on Homeland Security that it was short-sighted in its plan to cut grants by 40%, and that cities like NY and Washington would need financial help for years to pay for antiterrorism teams.



Read the New York Times article to learn more about the mayors' joint message to Congress:

www.nytimes.com/2006/06/22/us/22grants.html

■ NYC OEM Prepares The Rockaways for Storms

Officials from NYC OEM presented a new assistance plan to Rockaway residents at a June 13 meeting organized by Community Board 14. They showed animated graphics depicting how much flooding could be caused by storms of various category levels. The new plan increases the number of hurricane evacuation centers and established 509 shelters.



Read more about the meeting:

www.nytimes.com/2006/06/18/nyregion/thecity/18hurr.html

Queens Community Board 14 in Far Rockaway:

Dolores Orr, Chair

718.471.7300

cbrock14@nyc.rr.com

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

■ FEMA Multi-Year Flood Hazard ID Plan (MHIP)

MHIP is a five-year initiative by FEMA to remap US flood plans and provide updated digital flood hazard data and maps for areas with flood risk and make it accessible to the public on the internet. The completion of flood map updates extends to 2010.



Learn how map modernization effects local communities and get continued access to the latest version:

www.fema.gov/plan/prevent/fhm/mh_main.shtm

■ Louisiana Spirit Provides Crisis Counseling

The Louisiana Department of Health and Hospitals-Office of Mental Health provides crisis counseling to help people deal with stress, depression, loss and other emotions brought about by the storms. The Louisiana Spirit program, funded through grants from FEMA and SAMHSA, provides supportive counseling to assist people with the trauma and grief they are experiencing.



Callers can speak with counselors who will make appropriate referrals for counseling and other services:

800.273.8255

More information about the program:

www.dhh.louisiana.gov/news.asp?ID=1&Detail=849

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FROM OUR MEMBERS AND PARTNERS

● UMC Lends Help to Upstate NY Flood Crisis

The United Methodist (UMC) NY Annual Conference on July 6 sent a request for volunteers from their disaster preparedness and response ministry to give help to the Walton United Methodist Church in Walton, NY. Per Rev. Mark James DelGuidice, Pastor of Walton UMC, "Every single business, without exception, was closed due to flood damage, some businesses were completely washed away, and some will never reopen. The town was under eight feet of water in some spots, but averaged around six feet deep along all of Main Street...Homes, cars, garages, bridges streets, and yards were severely damaged. Not just by rising water, but by rapidly moving water. Just among the members of our church, two homes, three garages, two businesses, and many cars, tractors, and personal property have been totally lost and washed away. Almost every basement has been flooded. Large sheets of pavement were ripped up from streets driveways and parking lots. Water has just been restored, but needs to be boiled, difficult to do when the gas and electricity have been turned off."



Over 40 volunteers responded this past weekend, removing mud from the church's basement, pulling out carpet and furniture, and cleaning out the yard. This relief effort will continue for several months, as ongoing needs include working not only in the church but also helping throughout the whole community to rebuild homes and lives.

Contact Rev. Mark James DelGuidice, Pastor of Walton UMC:
Walton United Methodist Church
101 North Street, Walton, NY
607.865.5765

www.nyac.com

- **The Salvation Army Helps Upstate NY Shelter**

Though still providing assistance to families from last year's flooding, when the Salvation Army learned of the upstate flooding, a visit to Port Jervis showed the devastation done by the last week's rains. Per Roger Rischawy, Director, Salvation Army GNY Disaster Services and NYDIS board member, "We provided two meals to all those who came in during the one day the shelter was open on Wednesday, June 28 and sent a mobile feeding unit to Matamoras, PA, on the opposite side of the Delaware River from Port Jervis, where our volunteers prepared and served meals to flood victims and first responders for two days." The Salvation Army is currently accepting applications for assistance from people in Orange and Sullivan Counties and from Matamoras and is collaborating with other agencies such as the United Way and the American Red Cross along with local and regional churches to meet the needs of anyone asking for help.



Contact Roger Rischawy, The Salvation Army Greater NY:
212.337.7459

Roger.Rischawy@use.salvationarmy.org

- **LDR Seeks Volunteers to Rebuild After Hurricanes**

Another hurricane season is upon us, but the rebuilding work from the 2004 and 2005 storms is far from over. Lutheran Disaster Response (LDR) is committed to the long-term recovery of the areas affected by these disasters, a commitment that could last as many as 10 years. Volunteers are needed at LDR sites in Florida, Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana, and Texas. Volunteers must be 16 or older, in good health, have a good attitude, and be willing to work hard. The conditions, especially with summer's heat and humidity, are less than glamorous, but the work is rewarding.



If you're interested in putting together a work crew:

www.ldr.org/volunteer

- **ELCA's Worship Plan During A Pandemic**

Since public officials may advise against public gatherings in the event of a pandemic, Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) has developed a contingency plan for worship and spiritual care if congregations cannot gather publicly. Resources, including a congregational checklist on pandemic planning, will be available on the ELCA website.



Disaster Response Page:

www.elca.org/disaster

www.elca.org

- **New Ground Camps Kick Off 5th Summer**

More than 350 children will Journey With Jesus and Joseph this summer at New Ground camp sites, sponsored by Koinonia NYC, a Lutheran outdoor ministry and LDRNY partner. Now in its fifth year, the New Ground camp ministry started in response to 9/11, to help children process what had happened. Sponsored in part by LDRNY, eleven churches will host camps through August 18, including two new sites this year.



www.ldrny.org

- **WCC "Power of Recovery" Workshops**

World Cares Center will host the Columbia University Resilience Enhancement (CURE) workshop program, developed and conducted by senior faculty from Columbia University. The CURE program has been specially designed for individuals who have been affected by the 9/11 attacks. Though this program is not a treatment for PTSD, depression, or other psychological conditions, staff can assist in treatment referral. The CURE program is offered at NO COST.



CURE workshops are conducted in five weekly meetings at September Space Lower Manhattan, 11 Broadway, 11th floor. The next workshops are:

Summer Session:
Mondays, July 17 - August 14
12:30-2:30 pm

For more information and to participate, contact:
Kathryn Moroney
646.289.3098
kmoroney@worldcares.org

www.columbiatrauma.org
www.worldcares.org

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PREPAREDNESS CORNER

- **West Nile Virus Alert**

Please download and pass on this latest alert from NYC's Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (DOHMH) regarding West Nile Virus.



[Click here](#) to download the PDF.

www.nyc.gov/html/doh/html/wnv/wnvhome.shtml

- **Hurricane Preparedness**

- **Hurricane Website**



The Hurricane Preparedness website will teach you about hurricane hazards and which safety actions to take. This information is important at work, at home, on the road, or on the water. According to Max Mayfield, Director, National Hurricane Center, "Preparation through education is less costly than learning through tragedy."

www.nhc.noaa.gov/HAW2/english/intro.shtml

- **NYC OEM's New Hurricane Brochure and Map**

NYC OEM has released the updated *Ready New York: Hurricanes and New York City* brochure for the 2006 hurricane season, outlining basic steps New Yorkers can take to prepare for a hurricane, as well as a map of the city's evacuation zones and 65 hurricane evacuation center sites.



Download the brochure (pdf):

http://www.nyc.gov/html/oem/downloads/pdf/hurricane_brochure_english_06.pdf

Download the map (pdf):

http://www.nyc.gov/html/oem/downloads/pdf/hurricane_map_english_06.pdf

- **Insurance Brokers Advise Adequate Coverage**

In what may be a rough Hurricane season, NY insurance brokers are recommending that co-op and condo owners near the coast check to see exactly how much "loss assessment" coverage they have. The building's insurance should provide enough coverage to repair any amount of damage, but if the building's policy does not cover the entire claim, the board may have to assess unit owners to make up the shortfall.

Read Jay Romano's June 18 New York Times "Your Home" column:

www.nytimes.com/2006/06/18/realestate/18home.html

- **Public Health Preparedness Database**

The Rand Corporation, under contract from the US Dept. of Health and Human Services Office of Public Health Emergency Preparedness (HHS-OPHEP), has established a searchable database of exercises used to evaluate public health preparedness. The website will be expanded over the coming months to include additional exercises as they become available and to feature reports, tools, and resources to support preparedness activities.



Database:

web3.rand.org/health/php/search.asp

Criteria Guidelines:

www.rand.org/health/projects/php/criteria.html

www.rand.org/health/projects/php/index.html

- **NYC's New Plan to Contain Flu**

The New York Times reported on July 11 that Mayor Bloomberg and NYC Health Commissioner Thomas Frieden announced a blueprint for identifying an outbreak, containing its spread and how to distribute medical supplies. The mayor, emphasizing the importance of early detection, said that the health department (DOHMH) would act as the lead agency to coordinate NYC's response.



Read the entire article:

www.nytimes.com/2006/07/11/nyregion/11flu.html

Download the Pandemic Influenza Preparedness and Response Plan:

www.nyc.gov/html/doh/html/cd/cd-panflu-plan.shtml

www.nyc.gov/html/doh/html/home/home.shtml

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SAVE THE DATE

- **NYDIS/OEM Ready New York Training**



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



NYDIS has teamed with the NYC OEM to provide six exciting and informative Ready New York events throughout the year on emergency preparedness. These free events focus on an all-hazards 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

NEXT TRAINING! [Register Now!](#)

Sunday, August 13, 6:30-8:30 pm

Islamic Society of Bay Ridge, Brooklyn: 6807 5th Ave.

Tuesday, September 12, 6:30-8:30 pm

St. Helena's Roman Catholic Church, Bronx: 1315 Olmstead Ave.

Tuesday, October 10, 6:30-8:30 pm

Salvation Army-Harlem Temple, Manhattan: 540 Lenox Ave.

To register to attend one of these events:

www.nydis.org/oem2006

For more information about the events, call NYDIS:
212.669.6100

For more information about the NYC Office of Emergency Management's Ready New York Program:

www.nyc.gov/readyny

- **Book Reading & Signing: *Blood, Sweat and Tears: An Oral History of the American Red Cross***

Thursday, July 20 at 7:00 pm
Barnes and Noble / Lincoln Triangle
66th Street and Broadway, Manhattan



Meet Michele Turk and hear her read from her new book that tells the story of the American Red Cross through the voices of volunteers from all parts of the country. It is the first narrative history of the ARC since the 1950's, and presents a compelling view of the organization and the devoted people who work for it. Michele ran disaster volunteer management for the ARC in Greater NY, and later handled news media relations on many Red Cross disaster operations. The panelists, all profiled in the book, will include: Virginia Stern, ARC disaster mental health worker, Warren Zorek, veteran ARC disaster services volunteer and former chair of the National Advisory Committee of the ARC'S Holocaust and War Victims Tracing Center, and Ken Thompson, the director of external affairs for the National Memorial Institute for the Prevention of Terrorism.

To order the book:

www.amazon.com

- **STAR-NYC's Trauma Awareness/Resilience Seminar**

Part II: Wednesday, August 2-Friday, August 4



Strategies for Trauma Awareness and Resilience (STAR) presents a two-part Introductory Training in Trauma Awareness and Resilience. Part I focused on the Trauma Healing Journey and Part II will focus on Peacebuilding and Restorative Justice. The Part II sessions will be held at Manhattan Church of Christ, 48 East 80th St. in Manhattan. Registration fee is \$75. (Register by July 14.) Breakfast and lunch is provided free.

Religious leaders and caregivers dealing with traumatic situations are invited to apply. Download the application (doc):

www.nydis.org/resources/materials/STAR_application.doc

For more information (pdf):

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

www.emu.edu/ctp/star-intro.html

- **Preparedness Technologies & Tools Conference**

Wednesday, September 6-Friday, September 8
Hyatt Regency Hotel
Atlanta, GA



The 8th Annual Technologies for Critical Incident Preparedness Conference, sponsored by the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), Department of Justice (DOJ) and

Department of Defense (DOD), will highlight the technologies and tools available for the disaster responder community. Register by September 1.

Contact Lisa Hecker, Conference Manager:
lhecker@ctc.org

To register online:
www.regonline.com/eventinfo.asp?EventId=88623

- **NYDIS Hosts Interfaith 9/11 Memorial Service & Dinner**

Monday, September 11
6:00-9:00 pm
St. Paul's Chapel
209 Broadway
Manhattan at Ground Zero



In observance of the fifth anniversary of September 11th, NYDIS will host an Interfaith Memorial Service followed by a Tribute Dinner for the national faith-based relief and recovery agencies that came to the aid of the people of this City and Nation. These agencies and NYDIS' members and partners served and continue to serve the tens of thousands of victims of 9/11 and the thousands of injured and sick recovery workers who sacrificed so much to serve others. To acknowledge our loss and need for continued healing, to celebrate the survivors, and to recognize the enormous human and material aid offered to New York by the national faith-based relief agencies and our partners over the past five years – we will gather to worship and commune together this September 11th at Ground Zero.

For more information:
Peter Gudaitis, Executive Director
212.699.6100
pgudaitis@nydis.org

www.nydis.org

- **"Five Years Beyond 9/11" Conference:
Creating Vital Connections as We Approach the Future**

Wednesday, October 4
8:15 am-7:30 pm
Interchurch Center at 475 Riverside Drive
Manhattan

This all-day conference for spiritual, mental health, and human service caregivers, planned by 27 agencies that provided 9/11 relief and recovery services, will address "lessons learned" and develop a more inclusive collaboration for disaster response in the future.

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WE RECOMMEND

- **Safety After the Floods**

As the flooding continues to pose risks to New Yorkers in the aftermath of last week's storms in New York State, the Emergency Management Office of the NYS Department of Health provides health and safety advice to residents:



www.health.state.ny.us/press/releases/2006/2006-06-30_post_flood_advice.htm

Download FEMA's booklet, "Dealing With Mold and Mildew in Your Flood Damaged Home" (pdf):

[/www.fema.gov/pdf/rebuild/recover/fema_mold_brochure_english.pdf](http://www.fema.gov/pdf/rebuild/recover/fema_mold_brochure_english.pdf)



- **Website Provides Jewish Community Security News**

The Secure Community Network (SCN) website is part of the Jewish community's response to heightened security concerns in the US. SCN's main functions are rapid information sharing in crisis situations and enhancing security at Jewish organizations and institutions to protect against terrorism and other threats. Federal, state and local law enforcement agencies recognize SCN as a primary vehicle to facilitate sharing of information and policy protocols. SCN professionals offer expertise, guidance and assistance to Jewish organizations and institutions and operate the SCN crisis communication system that allows rapid dissemination of critical information to SCN members.



Contact the SCN office:

212.352.0274

scandesk@scancsgc.org

www.scnus.org

- **New Film on One 9/11 Rescue Worker's Health Repercussions**

"Vito After", a film by award-winning director/producer Maria Pusateri, is about Vito Friscia, a policeman who rescued people on 9/11, then spent months sifting through the toxic rubble at ground zero, and is now struggling with very serious health problems.



As reviewed in Seven Days, "...Pusateri observes universal truths through the struggle of one individual...with sensitivity and, surprisingly, a few good laughs." The film screens on July 27 at 7:30 pm at Cinema Arts Centre, 423 Park Avenue, Huntington, NY.

www.vitoafter.com

- **9/11 Archival Footage Seeks Home**

An archive of images of the 9/11 aftermath assembled by documentary producer, Steve Rosenbaum, is currently being displayed on Google Video. However, he is looking for a museum or organization to permanently house his collection.

To view the pictures:

www.911archive.net

www.CameraPlanet.com

- **Book Review: *Worst Cases***

Dr. Lee Clarke, Rutgers University sociologist, discuss his recent book, *Worst Cases: Terror and Catastrophe in the Popular Imagination* (University of Chicago Press), where he expands on his theory of probablists and possibilists. With such chapters titled "Be Afraid, Be Very Afraid" and "The Sky Could Be Falling", Dr. Clarke engagingly explores how the public has become immune to possible impending disasters until their danger is undeniable.



Please feel free to peruse the book in the NYDIS Conference Room when you visit our offices. Attendees at NYDIS' 3rd Annual Clergy Summit on June 1 heard Dr. Clark expound on his concepts.

To order the book:

www.amazon.com

- **Children's Disaster Preparedness Booklet Online**

The Florida Institute for Family Involvement (FIFI) has developed *Disaster Preparedness for Families for Children with Special Needs*, a 10-page booklet to assist families to prepare and be ready. It is divided into three sections: thinking ahead, disaster planning and preparation, and response and recovery.



Download the booklet (pdf): www.fifionline.org/images/PDF%20Files/PDF%2010-13-05/Ready%20Final.pdf

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JOB OPPORTUNITIES IN DISASTER SERVICES

- **NYDIS, Director, Disaster Planning and Training**

We are seeking a program director to manage NYDIS's disaster mitigation education and preparedness training initiatives and our interagency and government disaster planning needs. The current director, The Rev. Susan Lockwood, is leaving this position effective June 15, 2006.



If you are interested in learning more about this position:

www.nydis.org/about/15.php

To apply, please email your Cover Letter and Resume to:

pgudaitis@nydis.org or fax to 212.669.6101.

- **NYDIS, Part-Time Writer/Researcher**

We are seeking a part-time writer/researcher to assist the preparedness team in developing a series of disaster preparedness materials for Clergy/Religious Leaders.



The position is needed 10-20 hours per week for July, August and September, and there may be the opportunity for work after September. Duties include internet research, cataloging resources and writing/editing.

If you are interested in learning more about this position:
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- **Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA)**

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA), the emergency and refugee program of the Presbyterian Church USA (PCUSA), is still working hard to bring hope and renewal to the people of the Gulf Coast. They are looking to fill the following long-term (2-6 months) volunteer positions:



Construction Supervisor

If you are interested in learning more about this position (pdf):

www.nydis.org/resources/materials/PDA_Position_1.pdf

Worksite Assignment Manager

If you are interested in learning more about this position (pdf):

www.nydis.org/resources/materials/PDA_Position_2.pdf

Volunteer Village Manager

If you are interested in learning more about this position (pdf):

www.nydis.org/resources/materials/PDA_Position_3.pdf

To apply to either of these three positions:
Camille Lopez, Volunteer Village Coordinator
clopez@ctr.pcusa.org

www.pcusa.org/pda

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