

Dear Friends,

We hope that your summer is restful and will reinvigorate you for the upcoming fall season. During the month of August, we are busy planning, and we hope you will save the dates below for programs coming up in September. Below we also list a number of events coming up in August that may be of interest to religious leaders in New York. A listing does not imply endorsement.

\*\*\*\*\***INTERNSHIP OPPORTUNITIES**\*\*\*\*\*

The Interfaith Center of NY (ICNY), a secular non-profit educational organization, seeks part-time interns for fall and spring semesters. Our goal is to create understanding and respect among the different religious groups of New York City as well as to encourage members of all faiths to get involved in civic participation. We work with religious leaders to address social issues through the fields of education, law, social work, the arts, and culture. We prefer highly motivated and organized Master's Degree candidates who have some practical experience with interfaith work and who are willing to commit 10-15 hours per week. The internship will include outreach, research, and communication projects to support the Rabbi Marshall Meyer Retreat, courts programs, social work programs and the summer institute for teachers. For additional information about the Interfaith Center of New York, please visit our website [www.interfaithcenter.org](http://www.interfaithcenter.org)

Please send your resume and cover letter to The Rev. Chloe Breyer, The Interfaith Center of New York, 475 Riverside Drive, Suite 540, New York, NY 10015, or by email to [cbreyer@interfaithcenter.org](mailto:cbreyer@interfaithcenter.org) For additional information, please contact us at (212) 870-3510. This is an unpaid internship, but can be used for field education credit. We also offer a unique opportunity to learn about and interact with diverse grassroots religious communities of New York.

\*\*\*\*\***CO-SPONSORED PROGRAMS**\*\*\*\*\*

- **ANNUAL 9/11 FLOATING LANTERNS CEREMONY**

Date: September 11, 2009, 6:00 pm

Location: Pier 40 Building @ W. Houston and the Hudson River

To commemorate the victims for the 9/11, we will offer interfaith prayers for peace, and prepare and float lanterns to remember the victims. Co-sponsors include New York Buddhist Church, NY de Volunteers, New York Kayak Company, Buddhist Council of New York, Interfaith Center of New York and LIC Community Boathouse.

- **9<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL INTERFAITH IFTAR DINNER**

Date: September 15, 2009, 7:00 pm

Location: Union Theological Seminary

A breaking of the Ramadan fast, including an interfaith panel discussion on consumption.  
Co-sponsored with Muslim Consultative Network and Union Theological Seminary

- **FAITH LEADERS FOR ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE QUARTERLY BREAKFAST**

Date: September 17, 2009, 8:30 am

Location: The Interchurch Center, 475 Riverside Drive, Manhattan

Faith Leaders for Environmental Justice is a diverse array of faith leaders committed to making deep impact on issues of environmental justice in New York City through coordinated collective action.

\*\*\*\*\*OTHER UPCOMING EVENTS IN THE NEW YORK AREA\*\*\*\*\*

- **KEEPING IT GOOD IN THE HOOD**

Date: August 5, 2009, 11:00 am-6:00 pm

Location: St. Nicholas Park & 135<sup>th</sup> St.

Street Corner Resources presents a day of coming together, a day of commitment to stop the violence in our community. Let your group or organization represent the way of the spoken word, skit, and rap. There is also a family cookout area, so bring your own BBQ grill and food. Activities include dance, basketball, double dutch, karaoke, presentations by the Black Law Enforcement Alliance. Sponsored by Manhattan Borough President Scott Stringer, State Senator Bill Perkins, Council Member Inez Dickens and others; contact (212) 234-6511 or (646) 37708904 for additional information, or [ieshasekou@yahoo.com](mailto:ieshasekou@yahoo.com)

- **UNIVERSAL PEACE DAY TO COMMEMORATE THE ANNIVERSARY OF THE BOMBING OF HIROSHIMA**

Date: August 5, 2009, 6:30 pm

Location: NY Buddhist Church, 331-332 Riverside Dr. at 105th St.

There will be a Peace Bell ceremony at the exact moment of the Hiroshima bombing (in Japan Aug. 6 @ 8:15am). There will be silent peace walk to Riverside Church, followed by an interfaith service, performances and speakers. Co-sponsors include the Mission and Social Justice Committees of Riverside Church, New York Buddhist Church and Universal Peace Initiative.

- **CITY-WIDE PANDEMIC FLU EXERCISE FOR HOUSES OF WORSHIP**

Date: August 6, 2009, 8 am-1 pm

Location: Brooklyn Borough Hall, 209 Joralemon St., Brooklyn, N.Y.

Metropolitan College of New York and The Brooklyn Borough President's Office will conduct the first city-wide H1N1 pandemic flu exercise for houses of worship. You must register to attend. For additional information, please contact mcnyflu@gmail.com or Chuck Frank at (347) 788-9641. Certificates will be issued to participants.

- **COMMUNITY DIALOGUE ON MUSLIM COMMUNITY SUPPORT FOR PEOPLE IMPACTED BY HIV/AIDS AND RELATED DISEASES**

Date: Thursday, August 13, 2009, 6:00 pm – 9:00 pm

Location: Masjid AL Hamdu Lillah, 121st and Supthin Blvd, Queens, NY 11436

To register call Ron Derway at 800-692-8528 by August 6, 2009 or email [rgd01@health.state.ny.us](mailto:rgd01@health.state.ny.us) and provide your name, affiliation and telephone number. Dinner will be provided. Co-sponsored by On Common Ground: NYSDOH AIDS Institute's Faith Communities Project, Masjid AL Hamdu Lillah and The House of Peace

- **CONSUMING AMERICA: WHAT HAVE WE DONE TO OURSELVES?**

Date: Tuesday, September 15, 2009, 6:00pm-8:00pm

Location: Fordham University Lincoln Center campus, 113 West 60<sup>th</sup> Street, NYC

Is the consumer society dead? Does it deserve to be? It gave millions of ordinary Americans a better life—but at what cost? How has it changed us, our values, families and communities, our patterns of work and leisure, our religious practices and our politics? Can we live with a new burst of mass consumption? Can we live without it? Speakers include: **Lizabeth Cohen**, Harvard University, author, *A Consumers' Republic: The Politics of Mass Consumption in Postwar America*; **George Ritzer**, University of Maryland, author *The McDonaldisation of Society*; **Vincent Miller**, University of Dayton, author, *Consuming Religion: Christian Faith and Practice in a Consumer Culture*. Moderated by **Paul Solman**, PBS economics correspondent, NewsHour with Jim Lehrer. Sponsored by the Fordham Center on Religion and Culture; free and open to the public. RSVP: CRCevent@fordham.edu, 212.636.7347