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Dear Friends,

Our courts program is continuing to provide vital information to grassroots religious leaders who work daily with families in crisis. In partnership with Catholic Charities of New York, we are establishing new partnerships between Catholics and Muslims who provide social services to needy New Yorkers in the Bronx, Manhattan and Staten Island. In July, our teacher training program will bring important information about religious diversity to educators. In response to anti-Islam bigotry, Rev. Chloe Breyer, our Executive Director, recently spoke in support of Cordoba House at the NY Community Board 1 hearing. To raise funds for this essential work of deepening interfaith collaboration and fostering respect of diverse religions, we will be hosting our annual gala, the Eighth Annual James Parks Morton Awards Dinner. We welcome your support—see below for additional information!

Below we list programs offered by the Interfaith Center of New York in June. We also list additional upcoming events that may be of interest to religious leaders in New York. A listing does not imply endorsement.

- **BRONX RELIGIOUS AND COMMUNITY LEADERS COURT PROGRAM:
“FAMILIES AND FAMILY COURT”**

Date: Monday, June 7, 2010, 9:00am – 11:00am

Location: Bronx Family Court, 900 Sheridan Ave. (9th floor Library), Bronx, NY 10451 (corner of 161st Street)

Thousands of families turn to the New York City Family Courts each year seeking stability and safety – victims of domestic violence, those paying or seeking child support, foster care, adoption, and families trying to resolve custody or visitation. Yet, Family Court can be a challenging and overwhelming place. This workshop will provide participants with the tools to empower families to successfully navigate the complex Family Court. It will include an overview of the Family Court, including how to begin a case, find a lawyer, and what to expect in the courthouse. In addition, all participants will be provided with a full resource portfolio that they can take back to their communities. It will feature a presentation by Ruth L. Vega, Chief Administrative Officer of Legal Information for Families Today (LIFT). RSVP at (212) 870-3515 or anushavan@interfaithcenter.org Please leave your name, address, telephone number, and email address. Co-sponsored by The New York State Unified Court System, The Interfaith Center of New York, and Legal Information for Families Today (LIFT). LIFT is a non-profit dedicated to empowering those without lawyers to successfully self-advocate in the NYC Family Courts. Learn more about LIFT at www.LIFTonline.org

- **INTERFAITH CENTER GALA: THE EIGHTH ANNUAL JAMES PARKS MORTON AWARDS DINNER**

Date: Tuesday, June 8th, 2010 6:30pm cocktails, 7:30 pm Dinner
Location: Tribeca Rooftop, 2 Debosses St. (Canal and Hudson Sts)

The Gala will honor composer and musician Philip Glass. Glass is famous for his opera *Satyagraha*, *Einstein on the Beach*, *Akhnaten*, *Koyaanisqatsi*, among other award winning compositions. Musical guests include: Wendy Sutter, cellist; Erol Josue performing traditional Haitian music with Jowee Omicil. The master of ceremonies will be Sam Waterston, the award winning actor from *Law and Order*. To make a donation, please call 212-870-3510 or visit us online at <http://www.interfaithcenter.org/support.asp>

*******CO-SPONSORED*******
EVENTS*****

- **FAITH COMMUNITY LEADERS TO PRESIDENT OBAMA: ACT NOW FOR IMMIGRATION REFORM!**

Drafted by the New York State Interfaith Network for Immigration Reform, an interfaith letter calls on President Obama to move quickly on immigration reform. The plan is to publish the letter in order to enhance its impact. We are hoping to get 500 faith leaders to sign this letter in the next week. Please circulate this letter to faith leaders as widely as possible. Signatures are welcome from both lay leaders and clergy. To read the text of the letter, please visit this link: <http://interfaithmatters.wordpress.com/2010/05/27/faith-leaders-to-obama-act-now-for-immigration-reform/> To sign on, please email your name, organizational affiliation, city and state to signon@nyinterfaithimmigration.org by **Monday, June 7** close of business. *****Please note:*** the letter is a national letter, and we encourage you to send it to your colleagues for signature.

- **THE 9TH ANNUAL DR. BETTY SHABAZZ MEMORIAL LECTURE AND AWARDS CEREMONY**

Date: Sunday, June 27, 2010, 3:00pm-6:00pm
Location: Schomburg Center for Research in Black Culture, 515 Malcolm X Blvd at 135th Street

Each year, Women In Islam, Inc. remembers the legacy of Dr. Betty Shabazz, wife of Al-Hajj Malik Al-Shabazz, Malcolm X, by honoring women who demonstrate a commitment to serving humanity and Muslim communities. This year, we will honor Farhana Khera, Executive Director, Muslim Advocates; Nurah Amatullah, Executive Director, Muslim Women's Institute for Research and Development; Mallika Dutt, Executive Director, Breakthrough. Past honorees include Actress Kadiatou Diallo (mother of Ahmedou Diallo), Actress Ruby Dee, Professor and Scholar Azizah Al Hibri, and President of ISNA, Ingrid Mattson. Reception, Awards Ceremony: Advance Tickets, \$35 (\$20 for Students); after June 14, price goes up to \$50 (\$35 for students). Purchase tickets online at <http://www.2010dbsceremony.eventsbots.com> Make checks payable to

Women In Islam, Inc., and mail to PO 814 Lincolnton Station, New York, NY 10037. For additional information, please call 212-576-8875 or email womeninislaminc@gmail.com

- **TAKE A PLEDGE TO FIGHT DIABETES AND SIGN UP FOR FAITH FIGHTS DIABETES!**

Did you know that diabetes is the fourth leading cause of death in New York City? As a religious leader, you can make a difference: Faith Leaders can sign the “I Will Fight Diabetes” Pledge and the Listserv and pledge to fight the Diabetes epidemic in New York City. Over 1.8 million New Yorkers have been diagnosed with the disease with over 730,000 people who have yet to be diagnosed. Go to: <http://www.faithfightsdiaabetes.org/join/index.php> to sign the pledge now! We also invite your congregation to complete a one-page survey to assess their risk for diabetes. Interested congregations can also receive a community health worker training and be granted \$1000 to run workshops. To request surveys or learn more, please contact Sarah Sayeed at ssayeed@interfaithcenter.org or 212-870-3519.

- **EARTH DEMOCRACY: LECTURE BY VANDANA SHIVA!**

Date: Wednesday, July 7, 6:00pm

Location: Riverside Church, 490 Riverside Drive, New York, NY

Introduced by Peggy Shepard, Executive Director of WeACT, world renowned scientist, environmentalist, and agricultural activist Vandana Shiva comes to Riverside Church! For more information and to RSVP, please contact thecssr@gmail.com Sponsored by the Center for the Study of Science and Religion, Columbia Univeristy; Riverside Church; WeACT; Sisters of Earth; Faith Leaders for Environmental Justice; GreenFaith; New York Faith and Justice; and the Cathedral of St. John the Divine. The Interfaith Center of New York is a member of Faith Leaders for Environmental Justice.

*******ADDITIONAL EVENTS IN THE NEW YORK AREA*******

- **JOB POSTING: FAITH HOUSE MANHATTAN**

Faith House Manhattan (www.faithhousemanhattan.org) is seeking a part-time Community Development Administrator who is self-motivated and proactive with strong communication and information technology skills. Please share with your faith community. Applications due by Thursday, June 10. Read the full Job Posting online at http://www.faithhousemanhattan.org/faith_house/2010/05/job-posting-community-development-administrator.html

- **LEGAL ASSISTANCE FOR HAITIAN IMMIGRANTS**

Date: June 5th and June 19th, 11:00am-4:00pm

Location: St. Ignatius, 1101 Carroll St, Brooklyn, NY 11225

Catholic Charities (Brooklyn and Queens Division) has partnered with the Haitian Immigrant Legal Assistance Project (HILAP) to provide free legal assistance and case management services for Haitians who wish to apply for Temporary Protected Status. We will be hosting two parish-based TPS-Case Management Clinics in the month of June. Please help us promote these clinics by announcing these events to your communities. The clinics will take place: **Saturday, June 5th** from 11:00-4:00 at Holy Cross Parish Hall in Flatbush, and **Saturday, June 19th** from 11:00-4:00 at St. Ignatius Parish Hall in Crown Heights.

- **NEW YORK REENTRY CONFERENCE**

Date: Monday, June 7, 2010-Wednesday, June 9, 2010

Location: Hotel Pennsylvania (across from Penn Station)

A conference to create coalitions throughout the state of New York for the purpose of realizing our collective power in the areas of prisoner reentry (social services) and policy reform (social change). Registration: \$100 (sliding scale - no one turned away for lack of funds). Contact lsantiago@prsbynyc.org or 212/870-2221, ext. 4256 to register. Registrants can also pay at the door, but are asked to RSVP by phone or email. **The total fee** is \$100 for the full conference. There is also a **Per-day fee**: 1st day: \$25 (suggested "sliding scale" fee: \$15); 2nd day: \$50 (suggested "sliding scale" fee: \$35); 3rd day: \$50 (suggested "sliding scale" fee: \$35). The sliding scale fees are suggested- no one will be turned away for inability to pay the suggested amount. This conference is a collaboration between the Hudson River Presbytery, the Presbytery of New York City, and Prison Fellowship. A number of key non-profits, faith communities, and other initiatives have also been involved. Two of our key partners are Eddie Ellis and Dr. Divine Pryor from the Center for NuLeadership on Urban Solutions at Medgar Evers College. They will play key roles in helping us contextualize the current state of things vis-a-vis incarceration patterns and reentry issues. They will also play key roles in helping us meet our goal of taking a significant step forward in organizing a statewide network that tangibly realizes the synergy of our coming together in a newly empowered way.

- **NO-COST MAMMOGRAMS**

Date: Wednesday, June 9, 2010

Location: 118-09 Sutter Avenue, South Ozone Park, NY 11420

The United Hindu Cultural Council Senior Center will be offering no-cost mammograms. We are inviting you and your loved ones, so make sure to tell your family and friends. Remember that early detections can save lives. For additional information, please contact (718) 323-8900.

- **THE DECADE ON INTERRELIGIOUS DIALOGUE AT THE UNITED NATIONS IN NEW YORK**

Date: Wednesday, June 9, 2010, 10:45-3:00 pm

Location: United Nations

Organized by the Institute for Global Leadership, this program includes a briefing with Mr. Stein Villumstad, Deputy Secretary General, Religions for Peace and Chair, Steering Committee, The Initiative for a UN Decade of Interreligious and Intercultural Dialogue, Understanding and Cooperation for Peace <http://faithdecadeforpeace.net>; <http://www.socialweb.net/Events/108694.lasso> \$125 (Meet at the UN, cost includes lunch in the Delegates' Dining Room) \$295 (if you are traveling from New England). RSVP by noon, 6/4/10 to 508-245-6843. For more information about the Institute for Global Leadership, visit www.global-leader.org and www.centerglobalcommunitylaw.org. Through the Institute, Virginia Swain provides coaching and programs designed to empower emerging and seasoned leaders, including the *Leading Your Life From Passion* and *Reconciliation Leadership Certificate Programs*. Virginia Swain has 25 years of practical experience on five continents as an educator, consultant, ombuds, mediator, mentor, counselor and manager and trainer in commercial and non-profit enterprises.

- **INTERFAITH GATHERING ON USURY**

Date: Sunday, June 13, 2010, 4:00 pm — 7:00 pm

Location: East End Temple, 245 East 17th Street, New York, NY 10003

Sponsored by Manhattan Together, this forum focuses on the 10% Is Enough Campaign – taking a look at interfaith perspectives on usury and also an update on the campaign. Manhattan Together is an Affiliate of Metro NY Industrial Areas Foundation (www.ManhattanTogetherNYC.org). Please RSVP by Monday, June 7th, 2010 by Contacting Marielys Divanne or Beth Brockland at ManhattanTogether@gmail.com or at 212-369-4106.

- **NEW PERSPECTIVES ON PEACE AND SECURITY FOR OUR TIMES**

Date: Thursday, June 10

Location: United Nations

Briefing with Professor Chung Hyun Kyung, Professor on Ecumenism, Union Theological Seminary; Ambassador Anwarul K. Chowdhury, Former Ambassador to the UN from Bangladesh, Under-Secretary General, Former President Security Council; Michiko Kuroda, Former Chief of Staff, Timor Leste Peacekeeping Mission, Author of book on early warning: See <http://www.socialweb.net/Events/108694.lasso> **Tuition:** \$125 (Meet at the UN), includes luncheon in the Delegates' Dining Room. RSVP with payment by June 4 to Virginia Swain, Founder and Director, Institute for Global Leadership, 210 Park Avenue #299, Worcester, MA 01609 or credit card calls to 508-245-6843. Visit www.global-leader.org for additional information on the Institute.

- **CONSULTATION: POST-HAITI EARTHQUAKE**

Date: Friday, June 11

Location: United Nations

Briefing with Ugo Salinas, Head of Peacekeeping Mission in Haiti, United Nations, New York. A consultation to support the Haitian earthquake recovery and the United Nations Stabilization Mission in Haiti. Participants who are experts, victims, and objective observers are welcome, gather to assess and recommend next steps. Tuition for June 11: \$125 (Meet at the UN) includes lunch in the Delegates' Dining Room. RSVP with payment by June 4 to Virginia Swain, Founder and Director, Institute for Global Leadership, 210 Park Avenue #299, Worcester, MA 01609 or credit card calls to 508-245-6843, www.global-leader.org

- **FILM PREMIERE: PUSHING THE ELEPHANT**

Date: Saturday, June 12 at 1:45 p.m., Sunday, June 13 at 4:30 p.m., Monday, June 14 at 4 p.m., Q & A with filmmakers and film subject Rose Mapendo to follow each screening
Location: The Film Society of Lincoln Center, Walter Reade Theater, 165 West 65th Street, upper lever (btwn Broadway and Amsterdam)

Rose Mapendo lost her family and home to the ethnic violence that engulfed the Democratic Republic of Congo, yet she emerged from the suffering advocating peace and reconciliation. After helping numerous victims to recover and rebuild their lives, there is one person Rose must still teach to forgive – her daughter Nangabire. For tickets and information, visit <http://www.hrw.org/en/iff/pushing-elephant>
Presented in association with Mapendo International and African Film Festival, Inc.

- **5TH ANNUAL SUMMER HEALTH FAIR AT THE CATHEDRAL OF ST. JOHN THE DIVINE**

Date: Saturday, June 19, 2010, 11am– 3pm
Location: The Cathedral Church of St. John the Divine, 1047 Amsterdam Avenue at 111th Street (Enter walkway at 111th Street.)

The Cathedral Community Cares (CCC) *5th Annual Summer Health Fair* is organized in partnership with St. Luke's Continuum Health Partners. It will include **free** Health Screenings for Hypertension, Diabetes, Cholesterol, Prostate Cancer, referrals for **free** Colonoscopies, HIV rapid testing, Mammogram-pre-screening, and SNAP/Food Stamp info and referrals to CCC for appointments during the week. And, we'll have Music & Fun, a "Kidz Korner", as well as alternative healing practitioners – licensed massage therapist, and possibly a certified reflexologist, and reiki practitioner. To donate health and/or nutrition-related gift give-aways or raffle prizes for Health Fair attendees, please contact Sherri Oustalet at soustalet@stjohndivine.org or 212.316.7583. Many Health Fair attendees are homeless, low-income, and recently unemployed individuals and families and senior citizens from the West Harlem, Morningside Heights, and Hamilton Heights communities. *For more information, please contact:* Hilda Mateo, CCC Case Manager at: 212.316.7581 or hmateo@cathedralcares.org *To request hard copy Flyers, please contact:* Vanna Valdez, CCC AmeriCorps Community Outreach/Volunteer Coordinator sponsored by New York City Coalition Against Hunger at 212.316.7585 or vvaldez@stjohndivine.org.

- **FIRST DO NO HARM: THE ROLE OF MEDICAL PROFESSIONALS IN US-SPONSORED TORTURE**

Date: Thursday, June 24th 6:30-8:00 p.m.

Location: All Souls Unitarian Church, Reidy Friendship Hall, Lexington Avenue (at 80th Street), New York, N.Y. 10075

Panelists include: Allen S. Keller, M.D. Director of the Bellevue/NYU Program for the Survivors of Torture; Steven Reisner, Ph.D. Advisor on Ethics and Psychology, Physicians for Human Rights; Rev. Dr. Michael Kinnamon General Secretary of the National Council of Churches; Rabbi Rachel Kahn-Troster Director of Education and Outreach, Rabbis for Human Rights-North America; Panel Discussion Moderated by Rev. Dr. Donna Schaper Senior Minister, Judson Memorial Church. Co-Sponsors: National Religious Campaign Against Torture, Metro New York Religious Campaign Against Torture, Physicians for Human Rights, Rabbis for Human Rights-North America, Peace and Justice Task Force of All Souls Unitarian Church. Information or Questions: Rev. Mark Hallinan, S.J. 212-774-5500 or saynototorture@gmail.com
Directions: Take the 4 or 5 subway trains to 86th Street and walk south on Lexington to the Church, or Take the 6 subway train to 77th Street and walk north on Lexington to the Church.

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