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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.

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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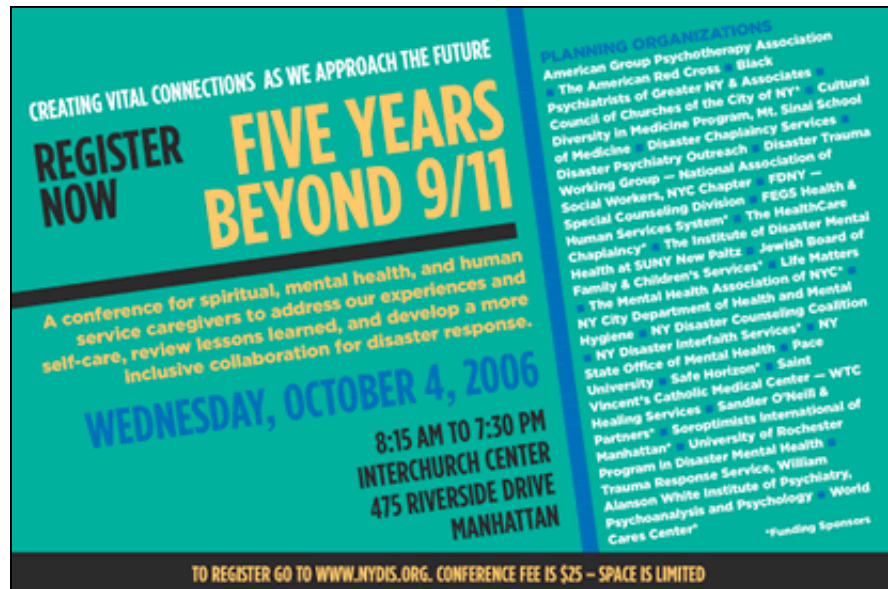
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CREATING VITAL CONNECTIONS AS WE APPROACH THE FUTURE

REGISTER NOW **FIVE YEARS BEYOND 9/11**

A conference for spiritual, mental health, and human service caregivers to address our experiences and self-care, review lessons learned, and develop a more inclusive collaboration for disaster response.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2006

8:15 AM TO 7:30 PM
INTERCHURCH CENTER
475 RIVERSIDE DRIVE
MANHATTAN

PLANNING ORGANIZATIONS

American Group Psychotherapy Association
The American Red Cross
Black Psychiatrists of Greater NY & Associates
Council of Churches of the City of NY
Cultural Diversity in Medicine Program, Mt. Sinai School of Medicine
Disaster Chaplaincy Services
Disaster Psychiatry Outreach
Disaster Trauma Working Group - National Association of Social Workers, NYC Chapter
FDNY - Special Counseling Division
FEGS Health & Human Services System
The HealthCare Chaplaincy
The Institute of Disaster Mental Health at SUNY New Paltz
Jewish Board of Family & Children's Services
Life Matters
The Mental Health Association of NYC
The Mental Health of Health and Mental Hygiene
NY Disaster Counseling Coalition
NY Disaster Interfaith Services
NY State Office of Mental Health
Pace University
Safe Horizon
Saint Vincent's Catholic Medical Center - WTC
Healing Services
Sandler O'Neill & Partners
Seroptimists International of Manhattan
University of Rochester Program in Disaster Mental Health
Trauma Response Service, William Alanson White Institute of Psychiatry, Psychoanalysis and Psychology
World Cares Center

*Funding Sponsors

TO REGISTER GO TO WWW.NYDIS.ORG. CONFERENCE FEE IS \$25 - SPACE IS LIMITED

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. Click on poster above to register.

■ NYDIS/OEM Ready NY Training - Oct. 10



*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.

Final Training! [Register Now!](#)

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

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

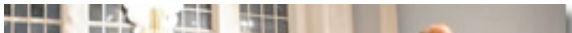
To register:

www.nydis.org/oem2006

For more information about the event, call NYDIS:
212.669.6100

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

■ NYDIS' 9/11 Interfaith Memorial Service

On the 5th anniversary of 

September 11th, NYDIS hosted the only Interfaith Memorial Service open to the public at Ground Zero in historic St. Paul's Chapel. The theme of the Service, "**Bringing Light to Our City**", was the topic of the homily delivered by The Rev. Dr. James A. Forbes, the Senior Minister of The



Riverside Church. "Just seeing people of faith together was a visual sign of hope beyond the fragmentation that had given rise to the events of 9/11," said Rev. Forbes. The service was attended by some 300 guests and elected officials and dignitaries. The service was led by 22 senior religious leaders including Archbishop Demitrios, Judy Chen, Dr. Forbes, Imam Hasan, Bishop Park, Rabbi Potasnik and Bishop Sisk. There were Anglican, Buddhist, Christian, Jewish, Muslim, Orthodox Christian, Roman Catholic and Sikh readings, prayers and blessings; and the service also paid tribute to the national faith-based relief and recovery agencies present which raised more than \$300 Million and provided thousands of volunteers and staff over the past five years. NYS Attorney General Elliot Spitzer's letter to each of these agencies noted that "...the positive impact of your tireless commitment on behalf of victims of September 11th is truly immeasurable." After the service, a private "Tribute Dinner" was held at the Millennium Hilton WTC to honor the national faith-based relief agencies.

www.nydis.org

www.saintpaulschapel.org

■ NYDIS/OEM in Bronx for National Preparedness Month

On September 7, NYDIS helped launch "September is National Preparedness Month", as designated by the Department of Homeland Security. In coordination with the NYC Office of Emergency Management (OEM) and four other Citizen Corps Council agencies, we mobilized volunteers throughout the city to



educate the public about individual, household, congregational, and community preparedness. NYDIS was stationed in front of the Bronx Courthouse on the Grand Concourse, a bustling intersection where we distributed Ready NY pocket guides, Hurricane brochures, and NYDIS preparedness materials, including NYDIS Community Preparedness Training brochures to passersby who lived and worked in the area.

NYDIS Disaster Preparedness Resource Library:

www.nydis.org/resources/2db2.php

■ NYDIS Welcomes Two New Member Agencies



At a Board of Directors Meeting on October 14, the NYDIS board voted to accept the membership applications of: The Taiwan Buddhist Tzu Chi Foundation located in Queens, represented by Executive Director, George Chang; and the United Sikhs, represented by Board President, Kuldip Singh. We welcome these new agencies as network members and as signatories of our Partnership Agreement.

To view NYDIS' membership application, including the partnership agreement, please [click here](#).

■ NYDIS Adds ARC Advisory Seat to Board of Directors

At a Board of Directors Meeting on October 14, the NYDIS board voted to provide the American Red Cross (ARC) with a special Advisory Seat on the Board of Directors. Senior Director of Response, Dr. Scott Graham attended the meeting and will serve as liaison for this partnership. The ARC now joins four other advisors on the NYDIS Board from DOHMH, FEMA Region II, HSC, and NYC OEM.

■ NYDIS 9/11 Coverage

The New York Times
www.nytimes.com/2006/09/11/nyregion/11events.html

Disaster News Network
www.disasternews.net/news/news.php?articleid=3307

Episcopal Relief and Development
www.er-d.org/newsroom_77685_ENG_HTM.htm

United Methodist Church
www.umc.org/site/c.qjJTJbMUIuE/b.2059627/k.F0B7/Response_to_911_leaves_lasting_legacy_in_New_York.htm

Catholic News Service
www.catholicnews.com/data/briefs/cns/20060912.htm

■ NYC 9/11 Recovery Resources Online

A comprehensive list of news, updates and updates for 9/11 victims and injured recovery workers, updated weekly:
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

- **NYC 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](#)).

- **Tuesday, October 3 – 2:30-5:00 pm**
- **Monday, October 16 – 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, September 21 – 9:30 am-12:00 noon**
- **Wednesday, September 27 – 9:30 am-12:00 noon**
- **Thursday, October 5 – 9:30 am-12:00 noon**
- **Thursday, October 19 – 9:30-12:00 pm**

To sign up for In-Service Training or to present a case:
Maggie Jarry, Moderator
212.669.6105
mjarry@nydis.org

- **NYC Katrina Evacuee Resources Online**

A comprehensive list of news, updates and resources for Katrina evacuees in NYC, updated weekly:
www.nydis.org/katrina

- **NYC Katrina Unmet Needs Roundtable**

- **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.

- **Tuesday, October 3 - 2:30-5:00 pm**
- **Tuesday, October 31 - 2:30-5:00 pm**

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

Adja Sakho, Moderator
212.669.6108
asakho@nydis.org

■ Upstate NY Flood Recovery Resources Online

A comprehensive list of news, updates and resources for upstate NY flood recovery, updated weekly:
www.nydis.org/recovery/12.php

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COMMUNITY NEWS AND EVENTS

■ NYU Emergency Management Symposium TODAY!

Wednesday, September 20
10:00 am-2:00 pm
NYU Medical Center
550 First Avenue, Manhattan



The 2nd Annual Emergency and Disaster Management Symposium features special guest speakers, Leslie Hirsh, president of Touro Infirmary in New Orleans, Estelle Rubenstein, from Haddassah University Medical Center in Jerusalem, Israel, and Esther Chachkes of NYU School of Medicine. This event is free and lunch will be provided.

Irma Rosario
212-263-5500
irma.rosario@nyumc.org

Download brochure (pdf):
www.chcanys.org/clientuploads/downloads/ep_events_other/2nd_Annual_Emergency_Disaster_Management_Symposium.pdf

■ Congress Seeks More \$ for Ailing 9/11 Recovery Workers

After listening to recovery workers at Ground Zero and downtown residents emotionally describe how they had been ignored as they sought help for health problems after 9/11, members of a Congressional subcommittee on September 8 criticized the Federal response and called for sharply increased medical spending. The subcommittee hearing came amidst rising concern about the long-term health effects on about 40,000 workers and volunteers who were exposed to toxic smoke and dust on the debris pile.



Read the New York Times September 9 article:
www.nytimes.com/2006/09/09/nyregion/09health.html

■ New 9/11 Recovery Worker Compensation & Registry

Thanks to a new law, most workers and volunteers who did rescue, recovery or cleanup work after 9/11 are now eligible to register with the Workers' Compensation Board. By registering, workers and volunteers who are not sick will have the right to obtain workers' compensation if they become sick in the future. Those who are sick,

but missed the 2003 deadline to file a claim, can register and file a claim at the same time. The new law also applies both to people who did paid or unpaid work. Anyone who has already been turned down for 9/11-related workers' compensation can file a new claim or register under the new law. The deadline to file a claim or to register with the Workers' Compensation Board under the new law is August 14, 2007.

For information to file a claim or to register, contact New York Committee for Occupational Safety and Health (NYCOSH):
212.227.6440 x23 (English)
212.227.6440 x24 (Spanish)

Fact sheet about the new law (pdf):
www.nycosh.org/environment_wtc/WTC/2006WCFactSheet.pdf

■ Flood Insurance Bill Falters

US Senate action on legislation to overhaul the National Flood Insurance Program and offset huge debts caused by Hurricane Katrina payouts is being stalled by Louisiana's two senators, who prefer provisions in a bill passed by the House. The Times-Picayune reports that Sen. Mary Landrieu and Sen. David Vitter expressed concern about several provisions by the Senate Banking Committee, including one that would allow a 25% annual increase in insurance premiums for severe repetitive loss properties, business properties and second homes until the policyholders are paying market rates. The House bill provides for only 15% annual increases and doesn't apply to repetitive loss properties.

Read the Times-Picayune article:
www.nola.com/news/t-p/washington/index.ssf?/base/news-1/1158127193281440.xml&coll=1

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FROM OUR MEMBERS AND PARTNERS

- **ERD Continues 9/11 Recovery/Domestic Disaster Response**

Immediately after 9/11/01, Episcopal Relief and Development (ERD) responded, providing food and other supplies to rescue workers at Ground Zero, also training chaplains who offered trauma counseling. Working in partnership with NYDIS, ERD supports interfaith education and recovery programs which include dialogues and interagency support that promotes interfaith understanding, tolerance, and conflict resolution. In their latest Press Release sent out last week on September 11, NYDIS Executive Director, Peter Gudaitis, noted, "ERD has been a visionary partner, ensuring people affected by 9/11 are given appropriate support and access to resources including case management." He continues, "ERD's support has focused on the unmet needs [such as mental health and pastoral cares] of under-resourced communities in NYC including survivors, families and injured recovery workers. The partnership has benefited 1000 families each year since 2001." And today, ERD continues its commitment to long-term rebuilding following the 9/11 tragedy.



Read the entire Press Release:

www.er-d.org/newsroom_77685_ENG_HTM.htm

www.er-d.org

- **Tribute WTC Visitor Center Opens to Public**

The ribbon-cutting ceremony, attended by Governor Pataki, Mayor Bloomberg, and other dignitaries, was on September 6. On September 18, the doors to the Tribute WTC Visitor Center officially opened to the public. The Center offers visitors to Ground Zero absorbing gallery experiences that interactively share personal stories of 9/11. Daily Walking Tours led by participants in these events provide uniquely personal perspectives on the events of February 26, 1993 and September 11, 2001. The Center will remain in place until the permanent WTC Memorial and Museum are completed.



Are you interested in being a volunteer? Contact:

Rachael Grygorcewicz

212.422.3520

volunteer@tributenyc.org

www.tributenyc.org

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PREPAREDNESS CORNER

- **Downloadable Ready NY Preparedness Guides**

OEM's Ready NY preparedness campaign is designed to help New Yorkers better prepare for all types of emergencies. The following preparedness guides and brochures are available online:



- Beat the Heat
- Emergency Planning for Small & Mid-Sized Companies
- Hurricanes and New York City
- Pet Preparedness
- Ready NY Household Preparedness Guide
- Ready NY: Pocket Guide
- Seniors & People with Disabilities

To download these guides, [click here](#).

www.nyc.gov/html/oem

- **National Preparedness Month**

A nationwide effort held each September to encourage Americans to take simple steps to prepare for emergencies in their homes, businesses and schools, National Preparedness Month 2006 is sponsored by the Department of Homeland Security (DHS). The goal is to increase public awareness about the importance of preparing for emergencies. Throughout September and beyond, DHS works with local, state and federal



government agencies and the private sector to highlight the importance of emergency preparedness through events across the nation.

www.ready.gov

- **For DHS, Partnerships Are Key to Preparedness**

At Georgetown University in Washington, DC, on September 8, Department of Homeland Security Secretary Michael Chertoff reviewed DHS's efforts five years after the 9/11 attacks. "...we have to continue to work to build a unified set of effective capabilities to manage the risk to the people of this country." The key, he said, was integrating national capabilities to prevent and respond to all threats and hazards through strong partnerships across all sectors, public and private, as well as internationally. He highlighted efforts in border and cargo screening, critical infrastructure protection, information sharing, and emergency preparedness.



Read Secretary Chertoff's full remarks:
www.dhs.gov/dhspublic/interapp/speech/speech_0287.xml

www.dhs.gov

- **Join National VOAD**

Formed after the devastating Hurricane Camille in 1969 to coordinate services provided to communities affected by disasters, National Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster (NVOAD) are voluntary agencies that work together in disaster preparedness efforts. NVOAD participates in the National Response Plan, which forms the basis of how the federal government coordinates with the state, local and tribal governments and the private sector during domestic natural or man-made disasters.



To join or partner with NVOAD, contact:
Ande Miller, Executive Director
703.339.5596
amiller@nvoad.org

www.nvoad.org

- **FEMA's Helpline Telephone Numbers**

Information on the status of disaster assistance and other needs is just a phone call away. The Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA) and NYS's toll-free helpline numbers are available for those who have questions once they have registered. Callers may check the status of their application for assistance from the Upstate NY storms and floods; and get answers and referrals to applicable agencies and organizations.



The FEMA Helpline is 800.621.FEMA (3362) and is open 8:00 am-8:00 pm daily.

Learn how to get help:
www.fema.gov/news/newsrelease.fema?id=29719

- **Learn the Facts About Flood Insurance**

The National Flood Insurance Program's website will provide you with the information you need to be prepared and to protect yourself from financial loss due to flooding.



Order a FloodSmart Information Packet:
www.floodsmart.gov/floodsmart/pages/contactus/subscriptionform.jsp

www.floodsmart.gov

- **Join the NCRT for Community Crisis Response**

As concern is growing about the potential for a major medical pandemic, continued serious storms and acts of mass violence, the demand for NOVA-trained crisis responders is growing. NOVA continues to prepare its corps of responders for the ever-changing field of crisis response. The new National Crisis Response Team Membership Program (NCRT) is open to those who have been NOVA-trained at any level (Basic, Advanced, Trainer). NOVA members who join between now and the end of 2007 will be considered Charter Members of NCRT; and beginning January 1, 2007, members of the NCRT will be the first eligible for deployment on a national team.



More information:
www.trynova.org/ncrt

www.trynova.org

- **Personal Preparedness Survey**

"Where the American Public Stands on Terrorism, Security and Disaster Preparedness", the 5th annual survey prepared by Columbia University's Mailman School of Public Health's National Center for Disease Preparedness and the Children's Health Fund, was issued this month. This survey on public attitudes and personal preparedness in the aftermath of the 9/11 attacks reveals an ongoing loss of confidence in government and inadequate levels of personal preparedness.



Download the Report (pdf):
www.ncdp.mailman.columbia.edu/files/2006_white_paper.pdf

www.ncdp.mailman.columbia.edu

- **DHS' Updated Emergency Preparedness Website**

The Department of Homeland Security's (DHS) redesigned Ready website includes updated emergency preparedness resources, including special preparedness information for pet owners, senior citizens, and individuals with disabilities and special needs. It also provides Americans with increased state and local information so they can learn about the types of emergencies that are more likely to happen in their area and the plans that have been established to deal with these emergencies.



www.ready.gov

- **FEMA's New DVD: *Getting Ready For Disaster***

FEMA has released a new citizen preparedness DVD, *Getting Ready For Disaster - One Family's Experience*. The DVD guides viewers through important steps of disaster preparedness and includes how to make a plan and a disaster supplies kit, information for those with disabilities, and how to help children cope.



Order *Getting Ready For Disaster* from FEMA:
800.480.2520

<http://www.fema.gov/areyouready>

www.scnus.org

- **Hurricane Preparedness**

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

NYC OEM's *Ready New York: Hurricanes and New York City* brochure for the 2006 hurricane season outlines 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

- **Flu Preparedness**

- **100 Million Flu Vaccine Doses Available This Year**

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) announced on September 6 that Flu vaccine manufacturers are expecting to produce and distribute more than 100 million doses of Flu vaccines in the US between now and early January, 2007. This is at least 17 million more doses of influenza vaccine than has ever been distributed in the past. "...if the manufacturers' estimates hold, more people than ever before will be able to protect themselves and their loved ones from Flu this year," said Dr. Julie Gerberding, CDC director.



- **Avian Flu Virus Vaccines Show Protection in Animal Studies**

When tested in mice and ferrets, experimental vaccines based on live, weakened versions of different strains of the H5N1 Avian Flu virus were well-tolerated and protected the animals from a deadly infection with naturally occurring H5N1 Flu viruses. The findings, which appear in the September 12 issue of *PLoS Medicine*, are also



encouraging because they demonstrate the ability to create a vaccine based on one particular strain of the H5N1 Flu virus that could potentially protect against different emerging H5N1 Flu strains.

Read more about the findings:

www.nih.gov/news/pr/sep2006/niaid-11.htm

Read the entire Public of Library Science article:

medicine.plosjournals.org/perlserv/?request=get-document&doi=10.1371/journal.pmed.0030375

www.nih.gov

www.pandemicflu.gov

- **West Nile Virus**

- **NYC DOHMH Virus Alert**

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



Download alert (pdf):

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

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SAVE THE DATE

- **Rocky Mountain Disaster Mental Health Conference**

Wednesday, November 8-Saturday, November 11
Holiday Inn on the River
Casper, WY



"*Taking Charge in Troubled Times: Response, Resilience, Recovery and Follow-up*", this year's Rocky Mountain Region Annual Disaster Mental Health conference, will cover how best to respond to disasters and critical incidents, the traumatic effects among responders and victims, how resiliency affects recovery, and how local communities identify and prepare for hazards.

Download Conference information (pdf):

www.rmrinstitute.org/CASPER_Conference_2006.pdf

www.rmrinstitute.org

- **International Spirituality and Health Conference**

Thursday, November 9-Saturday, November 11
Westin Bayshore Resort and Marina
Vancouver, Canada



Registration is now open for the 4th International Multidisciplinary Conference on Spirituality and Health: *Interweaving Science, Wisdom, and Compassion* which will address how spirituality relates to health and the health

sciences in a multi-faith forum. Register before September 29 for the early bird rate.

Download the brochure:

www.interprofessional.ubc.ca/Spirituality_2006_index.htm

www.interprofessional.ubc.ca

- **NOVA's 2nd Bi-Annual Crisis Response Conference**

Friday, November 10-Monday, November 13
Wyndham Riverfront Hotel
North Little Rock, AR



This year's national conference, "*Bridge to Hope: Partnerships in Preparedness*", is open to graduates of any NOVA-approved Crisis Response Team Training. If you are a staff member or volunteer of an organization affiliated with National Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster (NVOAD) that provides emotional and/or spiritual care you may be eligible to register, even if you are not NOVA trained. Please contact your agency or NOVA for more information.

For registration information:

www.trynova.org/events/2006CrisisRespConf

www.trynova.org

- **IAEM 2006 Emergency Management Conference**

Sunday, November 12-Wednesday, November 15
Orange County Convention Center
Orlando, FL



The International Association of Emergency Managers (IAEM) presents "*Going All the Way: Putting Plans Into Action*", which will provide a forum for current trends, topics and the latest tools and technology in emergency management and homeland security. Under Secretary for FEMA, David Paulison, will be the keynote speaker.

Register online:

www.iaem.com/members_online/registration/regstart.asp

Download the Brochure (pdf):

www.iaem.com/documents/IAEM2006preconfbrochure082906.pdf

www.iaem.com

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WE RECOMMEND

- **Post Your Resources on NYDIS.org**

Do you have a useful resource for caseworkers, recovery providers and clients that you would like to submit? The [NYDIS Resource Library](#) on our website contains a large compilation of disaster resources



including downloadable documents, links to useful websites, and references to printed publications. We welcome your agency's resources, which can be posted on NYDIS.org by clicking on the "Resources" Tab. You will then find directions on how to "[Submit a Resource](#)".

www.nydis.org

- **Get Prepared at ARC's Online Store**

Be prepared with Emergency Preparedness backpack-style kits that contain water, food, radio, a flashlight, batteries and more. It is a complete kit for one person that provides essential items an adult will need for at least three days after a disaster and is intended for storage at home; and to be used at home or in a place designated by local authorities in the event of an evacuation.



Get information on the American Red Cross Emergency Kits: www.redcross.org/services/disaster/0,1082,0_217_00.html

www.redcross.org

- **Book Review: *Disaster Mental Health-Theory and Practice***

James Halpern and Mary Tramontin, in this informative and practical book, cover the psychology of disasters, and discuss how to assist those impacted by dramatic, life-changing events. The book is intended to be a tool in disaster preparedness and planning and presents the range of mental health interventions in the wake of disaster. The authors discuss trauma studies and emergency management; and provide practical, hands-on information that informs disaster mental practitioners about what they might expect when responding to a disaster.



[Click here](#) to purchase the book.

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JOB & VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

- **NYDIS, Office Volunteers**

We are seeking two office volunteers to support the Finance department and to answer phones for 20-hours per week in our office. Positions begin immediately.



To apply, please email your Cover Letter and Resume to: pgudaitis@nydis.org or fax to 212.669.6101.

- **ARC, LA Ready Response Volunteers**

To be ready on very short notice to provide relief in Louisiana if a hurricane hits this year, the American Red Cross is pre-recruiting and training 100 volunteers trained and ready to help if necessary. Louisiana Ready Response Teams may be called upon between



now and November 30 and will need to be "on-call", ready to deploy within 24 hours.

Please contact the ARC:

212.875.2255

LAResponseTeam@nyredcross.org

- **NYBR, Jewish Pastoral Counselor - Mississippi**

The New York Board of Rabbis is seeking a Pastoral Care professional to act as a Jewish counseling resource to both the Jewish and non-Jewish communities in Mississippi for two years. The Counselor will work closely with Jewish professionals and clergy of Mississippi, training them on the long term, psychological, emotional, and spiritual impact of disasters, such as Hurricane Katrina.

Learn more about this position (pdf):

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

To apply, fax or email your Cover Letter and Resume to:
Rabbi Stephen Roberts, Associate Executive Vice President

Fax: 212.983.3531

SRoberts@nybr.org

- **Join UCC's Trips to Volunteer in Disaster Recovery**

Are you interested in hands-on mission to help communities recovering from disaster? Spring Disaster Response Mission trips to the Gulf States are now being planned for the Spring of 2007, by the New York Conference of the United Christian Charities.



Conference Office:
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