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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.

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Faithfully, Peter

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

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NYDIS NEWS AND EVENTS

■ NYDIS Elects New President & Officers

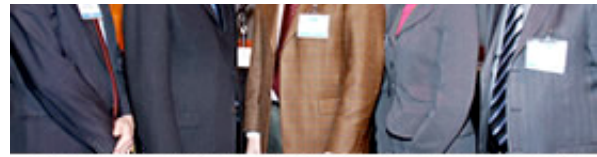
At NYDIS' Annual Meeting we paid tribute to outgoing president, Elder Betty Jones and welcomed in The Rev.



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Dr. Martha Jacobs. We are thankful for Betty's spirited guidance these past two years, as we look forward to benefiting from



McKinney, Campbell, Gudaitis, Harrison, Pullings

Martha's judiciousness in NYDIS' future endeavors with our partners in New York City, the State and at federal agencies. The 2007 Executive Committee includes:

President – The Rev. Dr. Martha Jacobs (UCC)
1st Vice President – Amardeep Singh (Sikh Coalition)
2nd Vice President – Rev. James Pullings (Church of God in Christ)
3rd Vice President – The Rev. Dr. Charles Straut (UMC)
Secretary – Lily Wu (LDRNY – ELCA)
Treasurer – Altaj Ilyas (Member-At-Large)

Following the business meeting, 200 guests were addressed by three special guest speakers including NYC OEM's Deputy Commissioner Kelly McKinney and DOHMH's Assistant Commissioner Myla Harrison as well as NYDIS Board Member Rev. James Pullings. A poignant and inspiring Keynote Address was delivered by Gordon Campbell, CEO of Safe Horizon, the nation's leading victim advocacy agency.

■ NYDIS Board Approves \$2.6M 2007 Budget

On Thursday, October 26, NYDIS held its 2007 Annual Meeting at NYU's Kimmell Center. Following the election of a new slate of officers for 2007, the Board of Directors approved a \$2.6 million annual budget. The budget represents a 10% increase over 2006.

■ NYDIS ED Invited to DHS Review of NRP & NIMS

NYDIS was invited by Secretary Chertoff to be one of 70 agencies from across the US to participate in the review and revision of the National Response Plan (NRP) and the National Incident Management System (NIMS). On October 25, Peter Gudaitis participated in the Department of Homeland Security's (DHS) all-day stakeholder kick-off meeting to review and revise the NRP and NIMS held in Washington, DC. The NRP review will examine the plan's policies, coordinating structures, defined areas of responsibility and procedures. An upgraded NIMS document will also be developed - both for release in FY 2007.



www.dhs.gov

■ NYDIS & NYCOSH Publicize Worker Comp Deadline

NYDIS is joining the NY Committee for Occupational Safety and Health (NYCOSH) in collaboration with the NYS AFL-CIO, WTC Medical Monitoring Program, the Laborers' Health and Safety Trust Fund, the Business and Labor Coalition of New York, workers' compensation law firms, the UCC-National Disaster Ministries, and Wall Street Rising, is mounting a media campaign to inform workers throughout the country about the necessity of registering for workers' compensation. Joel Shufro, NYCOSH Executive Director, said, "We know that tens of thousands of people are at risk of becoming ill as a result of their exposure toxic air and to psychological trauma while doing rescue, recovery or



cleanup work after 9/11. We want to ensure that every one of them registers with the Workers' Compensation Board before the August 14, 2007, deadline. And if they don't know about the program, they won't register, it's that simple."

For guidelines for registering, in English and Spanish, and all the necessary forms:
866.WTC.2556

Download a flyer (pdf):

www.nycosh.org/911info/Flyer-06%20o25.pdf

www.nycosh.org

■ **NYDIS Attends Brooklyn Clergy Breakfast**

Invited by the Brooklyn Borough President's office, on Wednesday, October 24, NYDIS attended The Annual Fall Clergy Breakfast hosted by Brooklyn Borough President Marty Markowitz, bringing together the leadership of Brooklyn's faith-based institutions working together for the betterment of Brooklyn. The breakfast took place at the Historic Brooklyn Borough Hall, with 80 clergy in attendance. Speakers on the "Grant Information for Faith-Based Institutions" panel included Zanetta Addams-Pilgrim of the Abyssinian Development Corporation and Randall Quan of the US Department of Health and Human Services.

www.brooklyn-usa.org

■ **NYDIS ED Joining HSC in New Orleans**

Peter Gudaitis has been invited to participate in the Human Service Council's (HSC) trip to New Orleans on November 6 and 7 that will include a group site visit to the affected area, followed by meetings and discussion at the Institute for Mental Hygiene. New Orleans service providers want to hear about lessons learned after 9/11 with regard to mental health services for children and adults, as well as building and sustaining collaborative networks. In turn, they will talk about the current gaps in services and some of the new programs that are now launching to address some of the evacuee's mental health needs in metro New Orleans and other affected areas in Louisiana.



www.humanservicescouncil.org

■ **NYC 9/11 Recovery Resources Online**

A comprehensive list of news, updates and resources 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](#)).

- **Monday, November 13 – 1:00-3:30 pm**
- **Tuesday, November 28 – 3:00-5:00 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, November 2 – 9:30-12:00 noon**
- **Thursday, November 16 – 9:30-12:00 noon**
- **Wednesday, November 29 – 9:30-12:00 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 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, November 21 - 2:30-5:00 pm**
- **Wednesday, November 29 - 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

■ **Human Remains Search Begins Again at WTC Site**

On October 20, Deputy Mayor for Administration Edward Skyler, who is overseeing the new recovery effort, released a statement regarding the remains that were found at Ground Zero. "...I convened a 90-minute meeting with a group of City and State agencies, the Port Authority, and private utilities to respond to yesterday's discovery of human remains at the WTC site...several steps will be taken immediately. Con Ed and Verizon will inspect several other manholes and underground areas near West Street, and remove any material that may be found. The City's Medical Examiner will carefully sort all material recovered to identify any human remains. The Medical Examiner's forensic anthropologists will work closely with Police and Fire personnel, who will be on scene at all times. If any remains are found, they will be taken to the Medical Examiner's facility, as was the case with other victims of the 9/11 attacks."



Mayor Michael Bloomberg said on October 23 that "there was a lot of pressure to do things quickly," but said workers "did everything they thought was appropriate at the time, as much as they could. It was just a massive task where things are spread out for a very large area, and the practical reality is you can't get to everything."

The terror attacks killed 2,749. The remains of 1,150 victims have not been identified.

To read the Deputy Mayor's Press Release, [click here](#).

www.nyc.gov

■ **Mayor Orders Expanded WTC Search for Remains**

On October 27, Mayor Bloomberg accepted recommendations contained in a report from the Department of Design and Construction (DDC) Commissioner David J. Burney and Lower Manhattan Construction Command Center (LMCCC) Executive Director Charles J. Maikish which recommended expanding the



current search for human remains at and near the WTC site - underground, on rooftops and in buildings.

Read the Mayor's Press Release on the October 27 Report:

www.nyc.gov/html/om/html/2006b/pr379-06.html

www.nyc.gov

■ DOT Sent to Help Cleanup Western NYS Snowstorms

Governor Pataki, on October 22 announced that an additional 303 NYS Department of Transportation (DOT) highway maintenance workers were deployed to aid in ongoing recovery operations, joining the more than 800 DOT, National Guard, State Police, and other State agencies personnel already there. Governor Pataki said, "As the residents of Western NY continue to recover from the devastating effects of the October 12-13 record snowfall, we are stepping up the level of assistance we can provide to hard hit areas..." The NYS Emergency Management Office (SEMO) is urging all residents to exercise caution when traveling on local roads and to be attentive to local emergency orders.



Read the entire Press Release (pdf):

www.semo.state.ny.us/uploads/2006%201022%20Gov%20Directs%20Additional%20Crews.pdf

www.semo.state.ny.us

■ Storm Shifts NYSEG Focus to Preventative Measures

Service has now been restored to 98% of NYS Electric and Gas' (NYSEG) customers who lost service as a result of the Western NY snowstorm that severely damaged the company's delivery system. NYSEG is now turning its attention to ways to prevent future problems. Follow-up work includes a final helicopter patrol, the inspection of transformers, power lines and other equipment using infrared scanners, a detailed visual inspection, and making permanent repairs where temporary repairs have already been made.



Read the entire Press Release (pdf):

[www.nyseg.com/nysegweb/webcontent.nsf/Lookup/wnystormatt/\\$file/lancstorm10202r.pdf](http://www.nyseg.com/nysegweb/webcontent.nsf/Lookup/wnystormatt/$file/lancstorm10202r.pdf)

www.nyseg.com

■ Power Grids' Assessment Report Calls for Action

The North American Electric Reliability Council (NERC), assigned by the federal government to ensure that the electric system in North America is reliable, adequate and secure, released their 2006 Long-Term Reliability Assessment Report. It determined that companies are not building power plants and power lines fast enough to meet growing demand, and that the amount of power that could be generated would drop below the target levels on peak days in Texas, New England, the Mid-Atlantic area and the Midwest.



Read NERC's October 2006 Long-Term Reliability Assessment Report

(pdf):

www.nerc.com/pub/sys/all_updl/docs/pubs/LTRA2006.pdf

www.nerc.com

■ **FAA Changes East River Rules for Small Aircraft**

As a result of the UES plane crash that killed Yankee pitcher, Cory Lidle, and his flight instructor in NYC on October 11, the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) announced it would prohibit private aircraft from the low-altitude East River corridor in most cases, effective immediately. The ban will remain in place indefinitely and those planes that are allowed to fly along the East River must maintain contact with air traffic control. NY politicians were alarmed that planes could still get close enough to NY's skyscrapers and other landmarks since 9/11.



Read FAA Press Release:

www.faa.gov/news/press_releases/news_story.cfm?newsId=7436

www.faa.gov

■ **NY Architect Wins Award for Katrina Cottage**

Marianne Cusato, a NY architect, won the Cooper-Hewitt National Design Museum's People's Design Award for her Hurricane Katrina Cottage, designed specifically to withstand a hurricane and as an alternative to the trailers supplied by FEMA.



Read the Cooper Hewitt Press Release (pdf):

www.cooperhewitt.org/docs/press/CH_PDA_release_101906.pdf

For more information about the Lowe's Katrina Cottage Series:
1.800.44.LOWES

Contact Cusato Cottages:

info@cusatocottages.com

www.cusatocottages.com/index_content.html

■ **Report Card for Major Cities' Evacuation Abilities**

The American Highway Users Alliance has released a first-of-its-kind study evaluating the emergency evacuation capacity of the 37 largest US urban areas with at least 1,000,000 populations. Ten received grades of "B" or "C," six got a "D," and 20 got an "F"; only Kansas City, MO, got an "A." The report, "Emergency Evacuation Report Card 2006: 25 Urban Areas Could Face Greater Challenges than New Orleans Experienced after Hurricane Katrina", calls for expanded roadway capacity and automobile access, the establishment of a national urban evacuation standards and reporting system, and for the completion of urban area evacuation plans. "The potential for terrorist attacks and last year's New Orleans flood destruction underscore the necessity for providing sufficient evacuation capacity from the nation's urban areas," according to the Alliance.



NY was one of the 20 lowest-scoring areas, receiving an "F".

Authorities face even greater challenges in the NY area due to the unusually high number of mass transit dependent households. The principal resources of evacuation for the mass transit dependent are buses, with a supplemental role of commuter rail, Amtrak and, to a lesser extent, subway systems. Based on the experiences in NO and Houston, people without cars must depend on government to provide necessary evacuation transportation programs and improvements are necessary.

Read the full report (pdf):

www.highways.org/pdfs/evacuation_report_card2006.pdf

www.highways.org

■ US Anti-Terror Law Concerns Red Cross

The Geneva-based International Committee of the Red Cross is expressing its "concerns and questions" over whether a new US anti-terror law signed by President Bush complies with the Geneva Conventions on the conduct of war. The legislation, signed into law on October 17, authorizes military trials of terrorism suspects, eliminating some of the rights defendants usually are guaranteed under US law, while allowing continued harsh interrogations of terror suspects. Jakob Kellenberger, president of the Red Cross said his concerns include "the prohibition of the denial of the right to a fair trial, which is a basic protection provided for in international law."



Read the New York Times October 19 article:

www.nytimes.com/aponline/world/AP-Red-Cross-Terrorism.html

www.icrc.org

■ Enroll in WTC Health Survey

The WTC Health Registry is a comprehensive and confidential health survey of those most directly exposed to the events of 9/11/01, and will give health professionals a clear picture of the health consequences of 9/11/01.



For a copy of the WTC Health Registry Survey:

healthinfo@wtcsurvey.org

Contact the WTC Health Registry:

212.442.1585 or 866.692.9827

wtdhr@health.nyc.gov

www.nyc.gov/html/doh/html/wtc/about.html

■ Re-Building NO Takes a Unified Effort

The Unified New Orleans Plan (UNOP) is the single, comprehensive recovery and rebuilding plan for Post-Katrina New Orleans, and will be implemented under the auspices of the NO Community Support Foundation. Major funders are The Rockefeller Foundation and the Greater NO Foundation. There is a series of 4 district-level meetings and 3 city-wide meetings being held this Fall.



Efforts are being made to videotape these meetings so that they can be viewed online and to establish resource centers at public libraries where displaced residents can view the videos and additional materials.

The next meetings are:

District Meeting 2: Nov 11 (Scenarios)

Community Congress 2: Dec 2 (Citywide recovery scenarios; this will occur simultaneously in 5-6 cities)

District Meeting 3: Dec 16-17 (Review draft district plans)

District Meeting 4: Jan 6-7 (Final district plans)

Community Congress 3: Jan 13 (Complete draft recovery plan)

For questions about the planning process and rebuilding:

1.877.527.3284

For more information about the UNOP:

www.unifiedneworleansplan.com/home2

www.unifiedneworleansplan.org

■ **Federal Court Rejects City's Immunity at Ground Zero**

A federal judge has rejected the city's claim that it is protected by law from being sued over the way it handled rescue and recovery operations at Ground Zero. The ruling opens the way for lawsuits by thousands of workers who say they were made sick by exposure to toxic substances during the 10-month cleanup. Judge Alvin K. Hellerstein of US District Court in Manhattan rejected the city's motion to dismiss the lawsuits. In a 99-page decision released October 17, he stated that state and federal statutes do provide some immunity for the city, its private contractors and the Port Authority of NY/NJ for actions undertaken in response to an enemy attack. However, he said that protection is not universal and varies by time and place, making it necessary to hear the details of individual cases. "If even a minority of plaintiffs suffered serious injuries to their respiratory tracts arising from the acrid air of Sept. 11, their claims deserve to be heard when a recovery could make a difference to their lives," Judge Hellerstein wrote. The judge ordered a conference to be held on November 3 to consider the appointment of a special master and other issues.

Read the October 18 NY Times article:

www.nytimes.com/2006/10/18/nyregion/nyregionspecial3/18toxic.html

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FROM OUR MEMBERS AND PARTNERS

- **ARC/Salvation Army Feeding ME WTC Workers**

The Salvation Army of Greater NY and American Red Cross in Greater NY (ARC-GNY) are providing breakfast and lunch, respectively, for the workers from the Chief Medical Examiner's Office and NYC OEM who are presently recovering the newly discovered remains at the WTC site. The food is being brought in by local restaurant, The Essex



Deli, on Liberty Street at Ground Zero. The Salvation Army and ARC-GNY will continue to offer this service as long as it is needed.



Contact Roger Rischawy, The Salvation Army
212.337.7459
roger_rischawy@use.salvationarmy.org

Contact Sharon Hawa, ARC-GNY
212.875.2308
hawas@arcgny.org

- **Ken Curtin Deployed for NY Snow Damages**

In the wake of the federal disaster declaration, NYDIS Board Member, Ken Curtin, FEMA Region II Voluntary Agency Liaison, was deployed to the Western New York area that was hit by the October 12 snowstorm. The counties are Erie, Genesee, Orleans and Niagara. The declaration was made for public assistance, money for damaged roads and bridges, and individual assistance, which opens the way for individuals to apply for Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) funds.



Contact Ken Curtin:
212.680.3664
Ken.Curtin@dhs.gov

- **ARC-GNY Preparedness Presentation November 2**

Prepare New York is a free 45-minute emergency preparedness presentation teaching NYC residents how to create a plan, build a supply kit, and keep loved ones safe and informed during times of disaster. Participants receive an interactive CD that can be used to create a customized evacuation plan and brochures from the ARC and NYC OEM. The next presentation is on Thursday, November 2 from 6:15 pm to 7:15 pm at 520 West 49th Street.



Contact:
212-875-2424
Garcia@arcgny.org

www.nyredcross.org/page.php/prmID/32

- **NYC Offers Citywide Flu Shots November 18**

The NYC Health Department is offering free Flu Shots to anyone 4 years old and older. They will be administered in all five boroughs on Saturday, November 18 from 8:00 am to 6:00 pm. Select any of the following locations to download a save the date flyer (pdf):



[Mary McLeod Bethune School](#)
222 West 134th Street, Manhattan

[Hillcrest High School](#)

160-05 Highland Avenue, Queens

[William Morris IS 61](#)

445 Castleton Avenue, Staten Island

[Public School 6](#)

43 Snyder Avenue, Brooklyn

[Theodore Roosevelt High School](#)

500 E. Fordham Road, The Bronx

For other times and locations to get a Flu Shot:

Call 311

www.nyc.gov/health/flu

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

- **NYBR Hires Pastoral Counselor for Gulf Coast**

New Rabbinic Pastoral Counselor for Hurricane Katrina Support, Rabbi Dr. Myrna Matsa will work closely with the rabbis and cantors of New Orleans, Baton Rouge and Mississippi in their work during this period of reconstruction post-Katrina. Rabbi Stephen Roberts, Associate Executive VP of the NYBR said, "I have been working hard within the Jewish community, in particular with UJC, to have them provide long term disaster pastoral support for faith leaders directly impacted by Hurricane Katrina. Hopefully we can get other faith communities to follow suit with similar positions. This is an important model to help sustain communities and their faith leaders after significant disasters." This two-year position is funded by a major grant of United Jewish Communities–UJC Emergency Committee, and will be based out of Biloxi/Gulfport, Mississippi beginning November 1.



Contact Rabbi Stephen Roberts:

212.983.3528

SRoberts@nybr.org

www.nybr.org

- **Faith-Based Preparedness Taskforce on Long Island**

The Nassau County Cultural Diversity Taskforce was formed to address key issues in disaster planning, such as the importance of partnering with faith-based organizations and to break through barriers such as language, religion, culture and fear. Comprised of American Red Cross Nassau County, Coordinated Agency for Spanish Americans (CASA), LI Voluntary Organizations Active in Disasters (LIVOAD), Nassau County Office of Emergency Management, Nassau County Office of Minority Affairs, LI Council of Churches, Nassau County Department of Health, NYS Office of Emergency Management, it will meet local needs, especially in minority and immigrant communities, pre and post disaster, and provide disaster-related information through multi-lingual materials and trainings. There is an informational meeting on November 1, at 10:00 am at the American Red Cross Nassau County at 195 Willis Avenue in Mineola.

The Health & Welfare Council of Long Island

For more information:
Amy R. Carroll, Director of Community Programs
Health and Welfare Council of Long Island
516.505.4422
ACarroll@hwcli.com

www.hwcli.com

- **LDRNY Names Baloy Director of Operations**

Lutheran Disaster Response of NY has just named Mikki Baloy Director of Operations. She can still be reached at mikki@ldrny.org.



www.ldrny.org

- **Faith-Based Help for NYS Snowstorm Residents**

Faith-based and voluntary organizations are not only helping Western NYS residents with their recovery, but they also are tallying damages that may lead to federal individual assistance grants. In the wake of several feet of snow, hundreds of residents faced extended power outages, basement flooding, trees that fell on roofs, and several feet of floodwater inside of homes. The expense of repairing these damages may range from \$500 to \$2,000, an "expense many families simply can't swing," said Church World Service (CWS) Disaster Response and Recovery Liaison Joann Hale. Faith-based groups helping in the effort include CWS, The Salvation Army, the Southern Baptists and the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR); and they are meeting next week to continue discussing a coordinated response and the possibility of bringing in volunteer teams from outside the area, reported Hale.



Read the Disaster News Network October 20 article:
www.disasternews.net/news/news.php?articleid=3351

- **ARC Offers Mental Health Aid to Katrina Evacuees**

The Access to Care program is an initiative of The American Red Cross' (ARC) Hurricane Recovery Program and is administered by Link2Health, a non-profit subsidiary of the Mental Health Association of NYC. Coverage is retroactive to August 30, 2005 and will cover services received on or prior to April 1, 2008 for those who lived in a pre-disaster area designated by FEMA for individual assistance following Katrina, Rita or Wilma and suffered significant impact.



Enroll before October 1, 2007:
866.794.4673
www.a2care.org/ssl/prescreen.html

www.a2care.org

- **LDRNY's Pastoral Retreat**

LDRNY and its partner, Faithful Response, are having a retreat, "Strategies for Pastors During Times of Crisis and Anxiety", on Monday, November 13 to Wednesday, November 15. The Keynote Speaker is Lutheran pastor and psychotherapist the Rev. Dr. Peter Steinke, an expert on family systems theory, who is often called upon to discuss how pastors can take care of themselves during crisis.



To register, contact Joan Keville:
516.679.0080
joan@faithfulresponse.org

www.ldrny.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

- **Turn Back the Clock and Restock**

On Sunday, October 29, Daylight Savings Time ended. Now is the time to replenish your emergency supplies. Change batteries in smoke and carbon monoxide detectors, flashlights, and radios, and make sure stocked water bottles and non-perishable foods are enough for at least three days.



Guidelines:

www.nyc.gov/html/oem/html/ready/prepared_supplykit.shtml

www.nyc.gov/html/oem

- **Prepare for Heating Season**

As cooler temperatures arrive, NYC OEM encourages New Yorkers to learn safe heating



practices for their homes. Improper heating can lead to gas leaks and fires, and safe heating can prevent such emergencies.



Guidelines:

www.nyc.gov/html/oem/html/hazards/winter_tips.shtml#safeheating

www.nyc.gov/html/oem

- **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

- **Hurricane Preparedness**

- **Most Hurricane Vulnerable Cities – LI on List**

The International Hurricane Research Center at Florida International University released its report on the "10 Most Hurricane Vulnerable Areas", with New Orleans topping the list. The criteria used included storm frequency and intensity, flooding potential, erosion trends, population, and evacuation routes. The second city listed was Lake Okeechobee, FL, followed by: Florida Keys, Coastal Mississippi, Miami/Ft. Lauderdale, FL, Galveston/Houston, TX, Cape Hatteras, NC, Eastern LI, NY, Wilmington, NC, and lastly, Tampa/St. Petersburg, FL. Dr. Stephen Leatherman, IHRC Director warns that given the historical record, the East End of LI, NY is "overdue" for a major hurricane, pointing to the fragile sandy barriers on the island's south shore.



Read the IHRC Report (pdf):

www.ihrc.fiu.edu/media/docs/10_Most_Hurricane_Vulnerable_Areas.pdf

www.ihrc.fiu.edu

- **Flu Preparedness**

- **WHO Releases Pandemic Flu Vaccine Action Plan**

The World Health Organization's (WHO) new Global Pandemic Influenza Action Plan to Increase Vaccine Supply addresses the



potential large vaccine shortage of several billion doses. The plan calls for an increase in seasonal influenza vaccine use and vaccine production capacity, as well as further research and development to design more potent and effective vaccines. In a statement on October 23, Dr Marie-Paule Kieny, Director, WHO Initiative for Vaccine Research, said, "The Global Action Plan sets the course for what needs to be done, starting now, to increase vaccine production capacity and close the gap. In just three to five years we could begin to see results that could save many lives in case of a pandemic."



Download the Report (pdf):

www.who.int/csr/resources/publications/influenza/CDS_EPR_GIP_2006_1.pdf

- **CDC Awards \$5.2M to Evaluate Flu Impact**

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) announced \$5.2 million in new cooperative agreements to evaluate the effectiveness of community-level measures that could be used during an influenza pandemic to reduce the spread of infection. Because developing a vaccine against a pandemic influenza strain could take several months, community prevention strategies that don't involve vaccines or other drugs (also called "non-pharmaceutical interventions") may serve as a first line of defense.



Read the October 10 CDC Press Release:

www.cdc.gov/od/oc/media/pressrel/r061010.htm

www.cdc.gov

- **Pandemic Prospect Complicates Emergency Planning**

The possible pandemic outbreak of a contagious disease could render many emergency management and continuity-of-operations plans moot, according to a panel of experts at the CIO Forum and Executive IT Summit in Falls Church, VA, reports Federal Computer Week (FCW). The panelists said plans designed to deal with a bombing or a hurricane wouldn't necessarily apply to an outbreak of avian flu because, as Steve Cooper, former CIO at the Homeland Security Department and now CIO at ARC, said, "the Red Cross' normal procedure is to establish service centers near a disaster area. But that wouldn't work in a pandemic. Nobody is going to show up at our service centers, in that case, that model gets turned on its head." The panel agreed that they have time to develop plans that consider a pandemic, but they also agreed they need to work urgently to have them in place and tested before they are needed.



www.fcw.com

SAVE THE DATE

- **Race in America Lecture**

Thursday, November 9
6:00-8:00 pm
Baruch College



The Lillie and Nathan Ackerman Lecture Series on Equality and Justice in America presents "Race in America: Advancing Equality in the 21st Century". Panelists include Alexander Polikoff, Esq., Director of Public Housing Transformation Initiative, J. Phillip Thompson, Ph.D., Associate Professor of Urban Politics at MIT, and Anurima Bhargava, Esq., Assistant Counsel of the NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund. Reception at 5:00 pm. Presented by The School of Public Affairs of Baruch College.

Please RSVP:
646.660.6851
Spa_conferences@baruch.cuny.edu

www.baruch.cuny.edu/spa/index.jsp#

- **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 online 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

- **Pandemic Flu Public-Private Preparedness Conference**

Tuesday November 14-Wednesday,
November 15
AED Conference Center
Washington, DC



"End-to-End Preparedness for Pandemic Influenza: Opportunities for Public-Private Collaboration" will bring together senior government officials and top industry executives to explore how an effective partnership between government and industry can be developed to tackle the next critical steps in delivering on public health preparedness for Pandemic Flu. From development to production to supply to administration, they will examine each step in preparedness to identify the opportunities for strengthening government and industry collaboration and to address the capabilities that must be in place to ensure success. Congressman Mike Rogers to deliver Keynote Address.

Download Brochure (pdf):

www.infocastinc.com/pand06/docs/brochure.pdf

Registration Form:

www.infocastinc.com/pand06/registration.html

Call 818.888.4444

www.infocastinc.com/pand06.html

- **Latino Competency Training for Caseworkers/Agencies**

Monday, December 4
9:30 am to 12:30 pm
110 William St. 18th Floor (I.D. required)



Elba Montalvo, Executive Director of Committee for Hispanic Children & Families (CHCF) will be providing a cultural competency training for agencies working with Latino clients and families. This half day training will help caseworkers working with 9/11 clients have a better understanding of Latino culture and family dynamics and how that may influence or affect the work.

To RSVP, contact Tamara Velasquez:

212.206.1090

tvelasquez@chcfinc.org

www.chcfinc.org

- **The Salvation Army-GNY's Annual Luncheon in December**

Wednesday, December 6
Hilton NY Grand Ballroom
New York, NY



The 59th Annual Salvation Army of Greater New York Annual Luncheon is on Wednesday, December 6 at the Hilton NY Grand Ballroom. This NYC tradition since 1948 features holiday music performed by the Army's world-renowned New York Staff Band, special speakers and presentations. The "Pinnacle of Achievement Award" honoree is Steven S Reinemund, Executive Chairman of PepsiCo.

Luncheon Information:

www.salvationarmy-newyork.org/luncheon/2006/index.htm

www.salvationarmy-newyork.org

- **HSC Annual Leadership Awards December 7**

Thursday, December 7
5:00 to 7:30 pm
Pace University
New York, NY



The 11th Annual Leadership Awards Reception is on Thursday, December 7 from 5:00 to 7:30 pm at Pace University in Manhattan. The Human Services Council of Greater NY (HSC) builds recognition and support for the contributions of the not-for-profit human service sector to the citizens and the fabric of NYC. This year's honorees are Alan Siskind, Executive President of the Jewish Board of Family & Children's Services, and Charles Wang, President of the China AIDS Fund.

Contact Cecelia Burchett, HSC:

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www.humanservicescouncil.org

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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

- **Working for Social and Economic Justice**

New York Jobs with Justice is a dynamic long-term, multi-issue coalition of labor, community, student, and faith based organizations working together in NYC to build power for poor and working class people, by supporting sustainable development and promoting economic equality. Their mission is to re-establish basic freedoms in the work place and promote social, racial, and economic justice for all New Yorkers. They offer strategic support to social and economic justice projects in New York City, in addition to spearheading long-term priority campaigns.



www.nyjwj.org

- **Tribute WTC Visitor Center Open Daily**

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

- **New Musical Debuts About Katrina Survivors**

"Katrina: A Whole Lotta Water" is a new Off-Broadway production that deals with the emotional and psychological issues facing Katrina survivors. After a brain stem stroke in 2001 that left him unable to speak, eat, walk, stand up, or even sit up and then suffering even more setbacks before recovering, producer/director, Emmitt Thrower's production combines dance, hip-hop music, and multi-media to illustrate the complex and underlying social issues caused by large-scale tragedies. It opens on November 9 at 8:00 pm at the Producers Club II at 616 Ninth Avenue. Five more performances run from November 10 through November 12: Friday 8:00 pm, Saturday 2:00 pm and 8:00 pm, Sunday 2:00 pm and 6:00 pm. Admission is \$20 to \$30. There is a free showing of the play with an after party for NYC Katrina evacuees and their families on Wednesday, November 8 at the theater.



For information:
917.716.6635
et34888@aol.com

For tickets:
212.352.3101
www.theatermania.com.

- **Publication Review: *Journal of Pastoral Care & Counseling***

Published quarterly since 1947, this award-winning journal is written and edited by pastoral caregiver and read by chaplains, pastoral counselors, seminary professors, clinical pastoral educators and mental health professionals. Articles and book reviews offer insights into pastoral care and counseling, clinical pastoral education, spiritual care, research and ministry in specialized settings.



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

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Send your email address to:
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www.plainviews.org

- **Get the Latest from the Disaster News Network**

The DNN website offers up-to-date news and information on hurricanes and other disasters; and also covers related topics such as preparedness and mitigation, public violence, environmental hazards, and terrorist disasters. A news service, it also facilitates information sharing among disaster responders.



www.disasternews.net

- **Business Roundtable's CEO Clearinghouse**

The Disaster Response Network, a comprehensive clearinghouse of information that helps businesses better prepare for disasters, was formed by a group of CEOs that are members of the Business Roundtable. Nearly 30 CEOs have set up an "emergency protocol" with the US government and charities so they can all respond better to the next natural or manmade disaster.



Contact Maria Schneider, Manager, PDR
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www.respondtodisaster.com/mambo

- **Con Ed's Report on NW Queens Blackout**

To read a copy of "Con Edison's Comprehensive Report on the Power Outages in Northwest Queens in July 2006":

www.coned.com/messages/pr20061012.asp

www.coned.com



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JOB AND VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

- **NYDIS, Office Volunteers**

We are seeking office volunteers to support the finance and disaster preparedness/training departments, and to answer phones and perform administrative duties for 20 hours per week. 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

- **LDRNY Needs Volunteers to Wrap Christmas Gifts**

Lutheran Disaster Response of NY (LDRNY) needs volunteers to wrap gifts at Barnes and Noble (Astor Place, Manhattan) in December. All donations received will provide immediate financial assistance to 9/11 recovery workers this Christmas.



If you'd like to volunteer, contact:
Mikki Baloy, Director of Operations
mikki@ldrny.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":

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