

Comfort and Renew Center



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LDRNY MISSION STATEMENT

To respond directly and encourage and facilitate response from others to the needs of persons and their families affected both directly and indirectly by tragedy or disaster.

The Comfort and Renew Center was established by Lutheran Disaster Response of New York as its center of operations in September 2003. The Center was founded with the dream of bringing together people and agencies with collaborative and complimentary mission and vision.

The Center is also home to New York Disaster Interfaith Services which represents NYC faith groups in long-term recovery needs as a result of September 11, 2001, as well as developing programs of disaster preparedness and response. In addition, the 9/11 Widows and Victims' Families Association, the Community of Hope and Koinonia NYC are planting roots at the Center.

Overlooking Ground Zero, the most public place in America, LDRNY and the Comfort and Renew Center family of organizations makes a clear statement of mutual support, commitment to revitalizing lower Manhattan and their lasting intention to respond to human need caused by disaster.

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NEW YORK DISASTER INTERFAITH SERVICES

NYDIS is a coalition of faith-based disaster service providers and funding agencies whose mission is to coordinate and provide disaster readiness, response and recovery services for New York. This is accomplished by collaborating with faith communities and working in partnership with community-based organizations, local emergency services, and state and federal emergency management agencies.

Priorities are:

- **Readiness:** mitigation, preparedness, and training programs for the disaster relief and recovery work of faith communities, their service providers and funding agencies.
- **Response:** working with faith communities to respond effectively to disasters by facilitating the delivery of case management services, disaster chaplaincy, relief programs, spiritual care, staff training and technical assistance.
- **Recovery:** providing programs for victim advocacy, recovery worker support, and self-care services. NYDIS convenes and staffs the Unmet Needs Roundtable to ensure that the material needs of the underserved are met.

212-669-6100 www.nydis.org



KOINONIA NYC

The mission of Koinonia NYC is the restoration, strengthening, and building of grace-filled communities of God's love. With our view of life forever changed since Sept. 11th, Koinonia NYC offers the vision of God's deep supportive lasting guidance at all times of life. We welcome travelers who visit New York, and we engage Lutheran congregations and their neighborhoods in the powerful life-giving process of community building.

212-669-6130.



WIDOWS & VICTIMS FAMILIES' ASSOCIATION

Established in December 2001, families who lost loved ones on Sept. 11, created the September 11th Widows and Victims Families' Association as a voice and information source for all families. United by a deep loss, the association is working to address the numerous unprecedented issues with strength and dignity.

9/11 WVFA MISSION: Uniting the September 11th community to create a historical archive, while building support for the future and prevailing through experience. Advocating for increasing disaster preparedness and improving America's emergency response by educating, advising and counseling families, survivors and first responders.

212-669-6121 www.911wvfa.org



COMMUNITY OF HOPE

Community of Hope, a ministry established in 2003 to serve those who live and work in lower Manhattan, is part of the Metro New York Synod of the ELCA. Pastor Robert "Rip" Hoffman officiates a Taize-style worship service weekly at the Comfort and Renew Center and is available for individual and group Bible study, as well. As New York continues to heal after 9/11, Community of Hope will be a Lutheran presence to the residents and workforce downtown.

212-669-6115 -- www.communityofhope.org

