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TODAY: RELIGIOUS LEADERS, ORGANIZED LABOR, AND ADVOCATES, LAUNCH COALITION TO SUPPORT THE RIGHT TO SHELTER IN NEW YORK

New York Shelter for All in Need Equally (NY SANE) Coalition Will Call on Governor Hochul and Mayor Adams to Implement Inclusive Solutions to the Migrant Crisis

New York, NY – Happening Thursday, October 12, at 10:30 am – religious leaders, organized labor, and advocates will gather to launch the New York Shelter for All in Need Equally or “NY SANE” Coalition, which will defend the right to shelter in New York City and advocate for sustainable solutions to the migrant crisis. Thursday morning, the group will gather for a closed door round table to discuss inclusive and humane solutions to the migrant crisis and will then host a press conference calling on Governor Hochul and Mayor Adams to protect the right to shelter in New York City.

During the meeting, coalition leaders will sign letters to Mayor Adams and Governor Hochul calling on them to uphold the right to shelter, release five principles to the humane treatment of homeless and migrant New Yorkers and commit to signing a prospective amicus brief in the developing right to shelter lawsuit.

The coalition’s religious, labor, and advocacy leaders include:

- Bishop Heyd, Episcopal Diocese of NY
- Jennifer Jones Austin, Federation of Protestant Welfare Agencies
- Kevin VanHook and Lauren Chung, Episcopal Charities
- Adriene Throne, Riverside Church
- Dean Patrick Malloy, Cathedral of St. John the Divine
- Chloe Breyer, Interfaith Center
- Imam Ammar Abdul Rahman, Council of African Imams
- Rev. Johnnie Green, Mount Neboh Baptist Church
- Rev. Adolphus Lacey, Bethany Baptist Church
- Rev. Emma Jordan Simpson, CEO, Auburn Seminary
- Rev. Eva Suarez, Cathedral of St. John the Divine
- Imam Konate, Bronx Imam
- Maria Castañeda, 1199
- Christine Quinn, Win
- Adriene Holder, Legal Aid Society
- Jamie Powlovich, Coalition for Homeless Youth
- David Giffen, Coalition for the Homeless
- Lisa Rivera, NYLAG
- Advocate Rob Robinson
- Jason Cone, Robin Hood
- Emerita Torres, Community Service Society
- David Jones, Community Service Society

Still photographers and TV cameras will be allowed in the closed door meeting for b-roll only. The press conference will include audio, video, shots of the group signing on to the letters, and Q&A.

WHAT: Press Conference on Right to Shelter and Solutions to Migrant Crisis

WHO: New York Shelter for All in Need Equally Coalition (NY SANE)

WHEN: October 12, 2023

Closed Door Meeting: 10:00-10:30 am

Press Conference: 10:30-11:00 am

WHERE: St. Bartholomew's Church 325 Park Ave, New York, NY 10022

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