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**#United Faiths of America**- Tri-State Leaders representing major world religions unite in prayer to provide hope and healing during the Covid pandemic. On Wednesday April 8<sup>th</sup>-Friday to April 10<sup>th</sup> in observance of the holy days of Passover, Nisfu-Shaaban and Good Friday, sixteen Tri-state Faith Leaders offered messages of "Hope and Resilience" during the spread of Covid#19.

Women's Islamic Initiative in Spirituality & Equality (WISE) initiated #UnitedFaithsOfAmercia prayer campaign with major world religions – Judaism, Christianity, Islam, Sikhism, Hinduism, Jain, Buddhism, Native American – to compile an online video addressing concerns and anxieties emanating from the growing COVID-19 pandemic. <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rzny35t3]Dw">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rzny35t3]Dw</a>

<u>#UnitedFaithofAmerica</u> was made possible by the collaboration of sixteen faith & civic leaders including, Daisy Khan of WISE, Chancellor Arnold Eisen, Ruth Messinger, Rabbi Burton L. Visotzky of The Jewish Theological Seminary- Mindahi Bastida of Otomi-Toltec People, Rev. Chloe Breyer of Interfaith Center of New York, Simran Jeet Singh of Sikh Coalition, Rev. TK Kenjitsu Nakagaki of Buddhist Council of New York, Rev. Joel Gibson of Micah Institute, Sunita Viswanath of Sadhana, a coalition of Progressive Hindus, Koshin Paley Ellison of New York Zen Center for Contemplative Care, Anu Bindra of Sikh Gurdwara of Long Island, Dr. Panna Shah of Jain Temple of NY, Sheikha Maryam Kabeer Faye of Bawa Muhiyyadin Fellowship, Rev. K Karpen of St. Paul and St. Andrews United Methodist Church and Imam Tahir of NYPD and Albanian Islamic Cultural Center.

"By uniting spiritual influencers, we express our core beliefs- that we are as interconnected as a spiders web- by engaging individuals in spiritual reflection, we contribute to a common desire - the evolution of a holistic, unitive consciousness which transcends all boundaries and in which we can see God's beauty in all creations" explains Daisy Khan, Founder Women's Islamic initiative in spirituality and equality.

## **About WISE**

WISE envision a world in which Muslim women leaders are instrumental in creating a peaceful and prosperous world anchored in gender equality and human dignity. WISE promotes Muslim women leaders who are on the frontlines advocating for women's rights, religious pluralism and peacebuilding. We offer creative solutions to persistent societal issues by amplifying women's voices at all levels of political, economic, religious, and social discourse. WISE views diverse partnerships between genders and faiths as integral to accomplishing its mission and collaborates with stake holders including youth, faith leaders, govt. and secular institution.

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