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INTERFAITH SERVICE FOR NEPALESE EARTHQUAKE VICTIMS TO BE HELD TUESDAY, MAY 12 INTERFAITH WORKS OF CNY AND THE BHUTANESE COMMUNITY OF SYRACUSE ARE ORGANIZING THE PROCESSION AND SERVICE

Syracuse, NY– The public is invited to attend an **Interfaith Service on Tuesday, May 12, 2015**, for victims of the 7.8 magnitude earthquake that struck Nepal in April. [InterFaith Works of CNY](#) and the [Bhutanese Community of Syracuse](#) are organizing the procession and service, which will **begin at 5:30 p.m. in front of InterFaith Works, 1010 James St., Syracuse**. Those assembled will walk approximately 1.5 miles down James Street to the top of Lincoln Park for the half hour service. A reception will follow at 6:30 p.m. at St. Vincent DePaul Church, 342 Vine St., Syracuse. Those who wish to drive may meet at the round top of Lincoln Park at 6 p.m. to participate.

Representatives from **various faith traditions, including Tibetan Buddhism, Hinduism and Christian, will participate in the service**, which will include a moment of silence, prayers, mantras and the lighting of candles. An offering will be accepted for those who wish to contribute to immediate critical needs in Nepal and the rebuilding of hospitals and schools.

The worst earthquake to strike Nepal in more than 80 years, the devastation left more than 7,800 people dead and injured 15,000. According to Nepal's National Emergency Operations Center (NEOC), more than 10 percent of the country's homes were destroyed or damaged.

InterFaith Works has settled many Bhutanese refugees in Syracuse. Due to persecution in their native Bhutan, many refugees fled to Nepal and lived in refugee camps before being resettled in the United States. Many Syracuse Bhutanese still have family and friends in Nepal.

Since the earthquake struck, InterFaith Works has been collecting donations to assist with immediate needs and rebuilding efforts. Those who wish to donate, may drop off cash or send a check (with “Nepal earthquake donation” in the memo line) to **InterFaith Works, 1010 James St., Syracuse, NY 13203.**

[InterFaith Works of CNY](#), through education, service and dialogue, affirms the dignity of each person and every faith community and works to create relationships and understanding. Founded in 1976, InterFaith Works addresses deeply embedded social divisions leading to community action and policy change. Empowering people in need, including refugees, the elderly and institutionalized, InterFaith Works’ service and educational programs include the [Center for New Americans](#), [Ahmad and Elizabeth El-Hindi Center for Dialogue](#), as well as [Senior Services](#) and [Spiritual Care Programs](#).

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