



## CHRIST FOR THE WORLD CHAPEL

John F. Kennedy Int'l Airport  
Terminal 4, 4th Floor

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### *A Message from Pastor Romeo Dabee*

Grace and peace to you in the name of Jesus - our risen Lord and Savior !

As I write this message, it is the 50th anniversary of the March on Washington. Images and sound bites of The Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and that of the crowds that gathered on that historic day flood the airwaves. Much as changed since that day yet, so much remain unchanged. Some have argued that we have come a long way as a nation in 50 years yet, some have argued that we still have a long way in realizing Dr. King's "dream" he so articulately shared with the nation.

The year 2013 also marks the 50th anniversary of the JFK Chamber of Commerce and the airport last year served some 50 million passengers. Both of these achievements are indeed historic milestones and deserve acknowledgment. But, there is still so much left undone around us - so much opportunity to serve a growing community in need.

I was once again at the US Open tennis tournament right here in Flushing-Meadow, Queens and could not resist being drawn to the bronze "Soul in Flight" statue sculpted to memorialize Arthur Ashe. The statue is also inscribed with a quote attributed to Ashe: "From what we get, we can make a living; what we give, however, makes a life."

Now, if this isn't inspiring enough, Isaiah (Ch. 58: vs. 8-12) prophesied that, "your light shall

break forth like the dawn, and your healing shall spring up quickly; your vindicator shall go before you, the glory of the Lord shall be your rear guard. Then you shall call, and the Lord will answer; you shall cry for help, and he will say, Here I am. If you remove the yoke from among you, the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil, if you offer your food to the hungry and satisfy the needs of the afflicted, then your light shall rise in the darkness and your gloom be like the noonday. The Lord will guide you continually, and satisfy your needs in parched places, and make your bones strong; and you shall be like a watered garden, like a spring of water, whose waters never fail. Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt; you shall raise up the foundations of many generations; you shall be called the repairer of the breach, the restorer of streets to live in."

Beyond a doubt, at this juncture of history, we are challenged to live a life worthy of our calling as children of God and disciples of the Jesus Christ. As the people of Ephesus were challenged to some 2,000 years ago, I challenge you, for now is the time "to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace." (Ephesians 4:1-3).

JFK Airport Community Minister

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Romeo K. Dabee'.

## *Who We Are and What We Offer*

Christ for the World Chapel began ministry at the Airport in 1964 as the JFK Protestant Chapel. The ministry was established by the Council of Churches of the City of New York (then, The Protestant Council).

Housed in a stunning A-frame structure, the Chapel was set between Our Lady of the Skies Roman Catholic Chapel and the International Synagogue at the JFK Tri-Faith Plaza.

Today, four chapels stand side by side in testimony of our mutual commitment to an interfaith religious presence and cooperation at America's Gateway to the World.

An Ecumenical Ministry of the Council of Churches of the City of New York provides a number of ministry opportunities which include:

- A place of solace - The Chapel is open for prayer and meditation from 6 a.m. to 11 p.m. every day of the year.
- Weekly Wednesday Worship at 12:30 p.m.
- Bible Study Groups for airport employees
- Departure and Return Services for Church groups traveling internationally (advance arrangement required)
- Religious Conferences
- Pastoral Counseling (by appointment)
- Weddings
- Baptism, Dedications of children and businesses
- Memorial Services for airport employees
- Special Interfaith Services for Dr. Martin Luther King Day and September 11th Memorial in collaboration with the other Chapels at JFK International Airport.

## *JFK Airport Round-Up*

### Chapel space in Terminal 4

The Passenger Screening Checkpoint on the 4th floor is fully operational and there are now restrictions in place limiting the check-in area to "Ticketed Passengers Only."

Anyone desirous of worshiping or using the Chapel, or visiting our office are asked to indicate to the attendant that you would like to "Use the Chapel" and you will be allowed pass through the check-in area.

### 9/11 Memorial Service

An Inter-Faith Memorial Service will be held on **Wednesday, September 11th at 12 noon in the Chapel Museum**. Please join us as we reflect on that tragic day in our history and pray for God's blessings on those whose lives have been changed forever by the attacks.

### Free Health and Wellness Fair

The JFK Chapels in conjunction with the Airport Medical Offices and their affiliates North Shore LIJ Franklin Hospital are sponsoring a Free Health and Wellness Fair for all JFK related employees.

All employees of the JFK community are invited to attend this event on **Thursday, September 26th from 10 am to 4 pm at the Tri-Faith Chapel Museum** next to our Chapels on the 4th floor of Terminal 4. There will also be lots of prizes, food, beverages and giveaways!

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For more up-to-date information, visit us at [www.ChristfortheWorldChapel.org](http://www.ChristfortheWorldChapel.org), call our office at 718-656-5693 or stop by the Chapel at JFK International Airport, Terminal 4, Departures Level - 4th floor.