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**MAYOR DE BLASIO APPOINTS NANCY PASCAL AS DIRECTOR OF THE OFFICE
OF FAITH AND COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS**

NEW YORK—Mayor Bill de Blasio today appointed Nancy Pascal as the Director of the Office of Faith and Community Partnerships. Pascal is an organizer with deep relationships in faith communities and most recently served as the Faith Constituency Manager for the City’s successful 2020 Census effort and as Citywide Faith Community Coordinator for the Mayor’s Community Affairs Unit. As Director of the Office of Faith and Community Partnerships, Pascal will ensure that communities at all levels have access to City Hall through outreach, education, and engagement. One of her crucial roles will be to work with faith leaders and local groups to ensure equitable access to vaccinations and benefits from recovery efforts.

“Faith communities play an integral part of our vaccine campaign and equitable recovery efforts,” said **Mayor Bill de Blasio**. “Nancy will bring her extensive relationships and expertise to the Office of Faith and Community Partnerships, and I’m excited to welcome her to this new role.”

“Faith communities often serve as a catalyst for equity in our city and often facilitate access to municipal resources. Through the Mayor’s Center for Faith and Community Partnerships we will elevate and ensure that Faith leaders continue to be part of our drive for an equitable recovery for us all. I am honored to continue this epic work,” said **Nancy Pascal**.

About Nancy Pascal

Nancy Pascal is a community organizer with deep roots in faith-based communities across New York City. Pascal began her career in public service as a community organizer and Brooklyn representative for then-Public Advocate Bill de Blasio. Most recently, she served as Faith Constituency Manager for NYC Census 2020, where she co-led citywide efforts in pursuit of NYC Census 2020's mission to get every New Yorker counted through outreach, education, and engagement. Prior to this, Pascal served as the Citywide Faith Community Coordinator for the Mayor's Community Affairs Unit, where she engaged faith leaders and non-profit organizations citywide about a range of Mayoral initiatives. Pascal has also worked in the nonprofit sector for various organizations including the Beginning with Children Foundation, Year Up, Inc. and the Children's Aid Society.

Nancy Pascal is a native New Yorker and a proud mother. She earned her BA from SUNY Buffalo in Political Science and will be completing her MSW from the NYU School of Social Work. She lives in Brooklyn where she is part of the fabric of the vibrant Fort Greene community.

"It has always been a function of the Mayor's Community Affairs Unit to ensure that our faith communities have access to government resources. Nancy has years of experience making sure that these conversations and connections are happening. I look forward to working with her in this role," said **Roberto Perez, Commissioner of the Mayor's Community Affairs Unit.**

"Nancy Pascal is a distinguished leader who cares greatly about our City and its faith communities. She has the vision, experience and expertise needed to strengthen the connections between faith organizations and New Yorkers. I congratulate Nancy on her appointment and applaud Mayor de Blasio for the selection," said **Congressman Hakeem Jeffries.**

"The promotion of Nancy Pascal to the office of Director for Faith and Community Partnerships is a quantum leap forward in engagement and organizing. Nancy's passion, commitment, skills and relationships will serve the city well at a time when it is in most need!" said **Rev. Kirsten John Foy, President and Founder of the Arc of Justice.**

"Nancy brings to the position a deep dedication to the complexity of the diverse communities of our city. Her empathy and sense of justice is so pivotal as we look to a post-Covid reality," said **Rabbi Bob Kaplan, Director, The Center for Community Leadership, JCRC-NY.**

“The passion and skill set of Nancy Pascal continues to grow as the needs of this city grow as well. Promoting Nancy to the office of Director for Faith and Community partnerships will allow her to illuminate that spirit of excellence attitude that she so gracefully works in. I am excited to see the great works that will come from this new position she will be working from,” said **Rev. Dr. Phil Craig, Pastor of Greater Springfield Community Church.**

“The appointment of Nancy Pascal as Executive Director for The Center for Faith & Community Partnership is very timely and important, as we continue to fight the ravages of the Covid19 pandemic. Her knowledge of New York City clergy and faith communities are certainly an asset to ensure that all faith group’s needs are addressed by the Office of the Mayor. Executive Director Pascal brings real passion and commitment to this new role,” said **Pastor James Richmond Seventh Day Adventist Church.**

“Nancy is an insightful and empathic civic leader, whose heart is definitely in sync with the pulse of the community. Nancy has personally inspired me, our congregation, and its leadership, towards a more intentional role in community partnership and kingdom building,” said **Rev. Cecil B Stone – Lead Pastor of the Springfield Gardens and Hanson Place Central United Methodist Church.**

“Nancy is a great resource for our faith community. She was instrumental to bring in much needed resources (PPE and Covid-19 Testing) to fight Covid-19 in our community. We wish her success as the Executive Director for the Center for Faith and Community Partnership,” said **Dr. Jahangir Kabir, Baitul Mamur Masjid and Community Center, Brooklyn, NY.**

“Nancy is a dynamic organizer and leader who is sure to work hard so NYC’s diverse people of faith have a voice at City Hall,” said **Aminta Kilawan-Narine, Co-Founder, Sadhana: Coalition of Progressive Hindus and Founder and Director, South Queens Women’s March.**

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