



Christ for the World Chapel  
JFK International 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 - Amen!

I was recently asked to preach for a Pastor on vacation and the appointed scripture text was Mark 8:24-38. Verse 35 and 36 of this text read, “[Jesus] called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, ‘If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it.’”

Now, not wanting to assume that the congregants heard this text before, I wanted to lay the foundation thus debunking some of the general perceptions of the hearers of the message of Jesus in today’s 21st century setting. Instead of beating up on them for not “denying themselves more” – making the sacrifice for other e.g. the less fortunate among them, I focused why we must take up our cross and follow.

The Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. once said, “Our lives begin to end the day we become silent about things that matter.” On another occasion, Dr. King in his famous “Beyond Vietnam” speech, delivered on April 4, 1967, exactly one year to the day of his 1968 assassination in Memphis, TN, said, “A nation that continues year after year to spend more money on military defense than on programs of social uplift is approaching spiritual death.”

Those powerful statements were made nearly half a century ago: Much has changed, yet nothing has changed. The media continues to bombard us with what they think we should view and read and consider as the truth while countless lives are lost due to neglect – and quite sadly, our neglect as children of the living God. How much more abuse can our children suffer at the hand of a greedy and selfish generation currently in places of power and prestige? How much more and for how much longer must we remain silent about things that truly matter?

My friends, this is our cross to bear as Christians, children of a God of mercy and consolation. This is our concern, our interest and our calling as a called out community of believers and disciples of the gospel of Jesus Christ. Mahatma Gandhi (whose birthday is Oct. 2nd) was a great influence on the life and works of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and like Dr. King was gunned down for not keeping silent about the injustices of his day.

We may not be as brave and courageous as Gandhi or King but in our own little way, we can stem the flow of violence, lies, corruption and pain around us by bring it to light. Let us fight the good fight of the faith; taking hold of the eternal life, to which you were called today and forevermore. Amen!

JFK Airport Community Minister

## *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 business
- 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 Airport.

## *JFK Airport Round-Up*

### Airport Full Scale Exercise

Over the summer, the Chaplains participated in a Full Scale Exercise (drill) planned and executed by the Office of Emergency Management of the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey.

This was the first time that the religious leaders of JFK were involved in such an exercise which also drew other volunteer chaplains affiliated with the Red Cross, Disaster Chaplaincy Services.

### New Procedures for 4th Floor Check-in Area

As we are located within Terminal 4 on the 4th Floor, we have to comply with the new passenger procedures being employed by management of JFKIAT. In advance of the new 4th floor Passenger Screening Checkpoint, which is scheduled to open in mid February, new restrictions are being put into place thus limiting the check-in area to only ticketed passengers.

Now, as for believers desirous of worshiping or using the Chapel, or for anyone wishing to visit our office, kindly indicate to the attendant that you would like to use the Chapel and you will be allowed pass the check-in area.

### Annual Christmas Concert at JFK Airport

Once again, Christ for the World Chapel in association with choirs from the metropolitan New York area is seeking to bring the Christmas message of hope and cheer to the airport community. This year, we are partnering with Terminal 8 to hold the concert from 2pm-6pm on Saturday, December 15th.

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, 4th floor.