

Annual IDC Award Ceremony was held on June 8th with an attendance of large and diverse audience.

IDC helps to make New Jersey a stronger and more prosperous place by advancing the causes of peace, cross-cultural tolerance, and human dignity. We publicly recognize the outstanding achievements of those recipients who have distinguished themselves in their profession, community and service to humanity and New Jersey community.

The awards are based on a variety of factors, including interfaith/intercultural involvement, community service, education, community educational involvements, professional and community honors, business and professional leadership, and educational honors.

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[Read the ceremony on Today's Zaman Newspaper, Turkey](#)

Master of Ceremonies



Kent Manahan, Senior Anchor, NJN News

AWARDEES

Community Service Awards



Governor Jon S. Corzine

The IDC recognizes the Hon. Corzine for his efforts to restore the state's fiscal viability and to improve the economy in this recessionary time, as well as his contributions to tolerance and dialogue in NJ. Governor Corzine was introduced by Sen. Loretta Weinberg, District 37.



Mr. Weyssan Dun, Special Agent in Charge of FBI Newark Division

The IDC recognizes Special Agent Dun for his continued fight for a safer New Jersey and building bridges between law enforcement and the Muslim community in New Jersey. Mr. Dun was introduced by Mr. Thomas E. Durkin, Jr., Durkin & Durkin, LLP.

Peace and Tolerance Awards



Bishop Arthur Serratelli, RC Diocese of Paterson

The IDC recognizes Bishop Serratelli for his valuable contributions to Christian-Muslim dialogue in Northern New Jersey. Rev. Msgr. James T. Mahoney, Vicar General, introduced the Bishop.



Rabbi Jack Bemporad, Director, Center for Interreligious Understanding

The IDC recognizes Rabbi Bemporad for his efforts to improve Jewish-Christian-Muslim dialogue in our local community and worldwide. Prof. Robert M. Seltzer, Hunter College and the Graduate School of the City University of New York presented Rabbi Bemporad.

Media Award



Ms. Elizabeth Christopherson, Executive Director, NJN

The IDC recognizes Ms. Christopherson for her vision and commitment to improve New Jersey Network (NJN) Public Television and Radio as a family oriented network that respects and encourages diversity. She was presented by Dr. Clement Price, Director of Institute on Ethnicity, Culture, and the Modern Experience, Rutgers University introduced Ms. Christopherson.

Education Award



Public Service Enterprise Group (PSEG)

PSEG is recognized by the Interfaith Dialog Center for its strong commitment to educational development in the community, thereby contributing to the success of New Jersey's future. PSEG was introduced by Dr. Mesut Sahin, NJIT.

IDC Special Recognition Award



Dr. Maxine Beach, Vice President and Dean of School of Theology, Drew University

Dr. Beach is recognized for her exceptional contributions to interfaith dialogue activities and collaboration with the Turkish community. Dr. Laurel Kearns presented Dr. Beach.

Date: Sunday June 8, 2008

Time: 6:00 pm.

Venue:

Hilton Hasbrouck Heights/Meadowlands

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Hasbrouck Heights, NJ 07604

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- Rev. Jane T. Brady