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## 9-11: a year, a candle light vigil to honor people and peace



Close view of the NYC light tribute to 9-11 victims and to its resilient citizens. R: The lights as they appeared in the NYC skyline

by David Dixon

Fellowship Of Reconciliation, an international, interfaith group dedicated to nonviolent social change, and friends, will hold a dusk-to-dawn vigil in Charlotte to honor the lives of those who died September 11 and all victims of violence.

Speakers for the event include Keynote Speaker, Rev. Mick Hinson, of the Metropolitan Community Church of Charlotte; Rev. Jane Esdale pastor of Baptist Peace Fellowship of North America; Muslim Student Association member. There will be special music throughout by Bibis Ellison, Michael Sharpe and others.

The vigil is being organized in response to a plea from The September Eleventh Families for Peaceful Tomorrows to commemorate September 11, 2002 with peaceful events.

With this vigil, the gathering sets the tone for a time of annual reflection — on peace, on healing.

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. said, "Wars are poor chisels for carving out peaceful tomorrows ... We must pursue peaceful ends through peaceful means."

The families came together out of a shared feeling that their grief was not a cry for war. Let September 11 be as a time for communities around the world to unite in renewed commitment to honor honoring of those who lost their lives and in the exploration of what it will take to create peaceful tomorrows.

We are also working with the National Coalition for Peace and Justice and Global Exchange to encourage peace events around September Eleventh. A new website, [www.unitedforpeace.org](http://www.unitedforpeace.org) has been created as a hub to register peace events, find out what is being planned in your area, share suggestions and find resources for September 11 peace events.

Join us in honoring lost loved ones and all those who have lost their lives to violence by creating peaceful, respectful and healing events which reflect hope.

This is an interfaith vigil and individuals from all backgrounds of faith are invited to attend.

The Charlotte vigil will coincide with a national vigil being held in New York City. Sponsors of the NYC vigil include: Sept. 11 Families for Peaceful Tomorrows, War Resisters League, American Friends Service Committee, Fellowship of Reconciliation, Women in Black, Peace Action, Pax Cristi, Colombia Media Project, Global Exchange, Gabriella Project, and Jews for Social and Economic Justice.

May September 11 can mark the end of the of yesterday's violence and the beginning of peaceful tomorrows.

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## Melissa Etheridge makes public service ad for NC AIDS agency

RALEIGH — The Alliance of AIDS Services—Carolina is honored to announce the release of its latest public service announcement featuring world-renowned recording artist and activist, Melissa Etheridge. Continuing her efforts to raise awareness of HIV/AIDS and the importance of HIV testing, Etheridge recorded the PSA in support of the tremendous work being done by the Alliance of AIDS Services—Carolina. It is AAS-C's goal to have the PSA aired on Triangle radio stations.

"In addition to being one of the world's top rock-n-roll singer/songwriters, Melissa Etheridge has always been active in the fight against AIDS," noted Justin Leach, Director of Development and Public Relations at AAS-C. "She is truly a role-model for millions of Americans. After all, how many singers of

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Melissa Etheridge makes PSA for Alliance of AIDS Services—Carolina

## Winston-Salem, Fayetteville are ahead of the Times

Gay and lesbian ceremonies now "fit to print" in New York City were welcomed first in the Carolinas. GLAAD launches project to get more papers to follow

LOS ANGELES, CA — Following the historic decision by *The New York Times* to include same-sex union announcements in its Weddings/Celebrations section, the Gay & Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation launched its "Announcing Equality Project," a year-long campaign designed to double the number of local and regional newspapers that list same-sex commitment ceremonies, unions and weddings.

The project will build on precedents set by the approximately 70 US (now 119 to date) newspapers papers that currently include

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