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Mr. Gudaitis currently serves as the president of the National Disaster Interfaiths Network (NDIN), and as an independent consultant and trainer. He also speaks nationally and internationally on interfaith and inter-religious partnerships as well as disaster readiness, response, and recovery services.

NDIN is a 501(c)(3) network of local, state and regional disaster interfaith organizations working together to reduce disaster-caused human suffering through the exchange of information and cooperative support.

From 2003 to 2009 Mr. Gudaitis was the Executive Director & Chief Executive Officer of New York Disaster Interfaith Services (NYDIS), NYDIS is a 501(c)(3) federation of faith-based human service providers and charitable organizations that work in partnership to provide disaster readiness, response, and recovery services for New York City. NYDIS collaborates with local, state, and national agencies involved in facilitating

the delivery of non-sectarian spiritual care, secular disaster human services, resources, and information to religious communities, underserved victims and impacted neighborhoods.

Mr. Gudaitis has over 20 years of experience in chaplaincy, emergency management, faith-based philanthropy, program management, and social services administration. From 1999 to 2003, he served as Associate Director of Episcopal Charities of the Diocese of New York, where he managed community-based outreach and youth grant programs and also directed diocesan relief and recovery programs in the wake of 9/11. In prior positions, he distinguished himself in college and Emergency Medical Services (EMS) chaplaincy, congregational ministry, social services, and community outreach program development.

Mr. Gudaitis has eight years of EMS experience, having served as an EMT, EMT-I, and EMS Chaplain for rural and urban EMS companies in Tennessee and Connecticut. In addition to his advanced life support certifications, he received training in Mass Casualty Incident Command and Pediatric Trauma Care. From 1992 to 1996, he served as an EMS supervisor in Fairfield County, Connecticut. He is trained and experienced in both Basic and Advanced CISM debriefing by ICISF.

Mr. Gudaitis holds a Master of Divinity degree from the General Theological Seminary of the Episcopal Church and a B.A. from Kenyon College. He completed CPE training through the Healthcare Chaplaincy at Beth Israel Medical Center in addition to Emotional and Spiritual Care training through the Salvation Army. He participates on many local and national boards and committees in a variety of capacities, including: the board of directors of NYC VOAD (Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster); the board of directors of the Human Services Council of New York City; the Citizens Corps Council of New York City; the Working Group on Citizen Engagement in Health Emergency Planning at the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center's Center for Biosecurity; and the Working Group on Wounded Warrior Wellness for the Federal Bureau of Investigation's Behavioral Science Unit. In 2006, Mr. Gudaitis was appointed to serve on the Domestic Disaster Preparedness and Response Advisory Council of Episcopal Relief and Development (ERD) and also represents ERD on the Emotional and Spiritual Care Committee of National VOAD. Since 2007 he has served as president of the National Disaster Interfaiths Network (NDIN).

Under the leadership of Mr. Gudaitis, NYDIS received the 2007 Ready New Yorker Award for outstanding commitment to Emergency Planning and Disaster Education from the New York City Office of Emergency Management. In 2007, Mr. Gudaitis received the Individual Award for Excellence in Preparedness and Planning from National VOAD.