



2021 ANNUAL EDUCATION CONFERENCE THEME:
“HEALING HISTORICAL TRAUMA AND CULTURAL WOUNDS”
Tuesday, October 12, 2021

VIA “Zoom” [Please pre-register at this link](#)

9:00 to 9:15 **“Welcome and Opening Prayer”**. The Reverend Evelyn Kirk, President, New York State Association of Protestant Chaplains and The Reverend Peter Cook, Executive Director, New York State Council of Churches.

9:15 to 10:30 The Rev. Dr. Marcos A. Miranda, DMin, BCC, BCCS
“Culturally Sensitive Trauma: How Can I Help?”

10:45 to 12:00 The Rev. Dr. Klon Kitchen, DD, PhD
“Understanding And Addressing the Challenges of Historical and Cultural Trauma As It Relates To The Men And Women Serving In Institutions And In The Armed Forces.”

12:00 to 12:30 **Lunch**

12:30 to 1:30 **“Meeting with NYSDOCCS: Q and A on Zoom”** with Joseph Joseph, Assistant Commissioner for Program Services; Nancy Fernandez, Director MFVS; Mohammed Ahmed, Acting Deputy Director, Ministerial Services; Alfred Twyman, MPC; and Father Weber, MPC

1:45 – 3:30 Robyn Belmont MCSW, BA Clinical Psychology
Personal Testimony - “How to Survive Trauma and A Catastrophic System Failure As A Professional And As A Crime Victim.”

And

Dr. Vikki O’Connor PhD, LCSW **“Trauma Informed Care for Those in Ministry: Recognizing and Responding to The Needs of Marginalized Individuals and Their Families.”**

3:30 – 4:00 **Closing Worship with Holy Communion**

4:15—**NYSAPC Meeting with Election of New Officers**



The Rev. Dr. Marcos A. Miranda, BCC, BCCS is Founder, President and CEO of [New York State Chaplain Task Force](#). He also serves as senior pastor at Action in Christ International and as assistant dean at New York Divinity School. An author, consultant and educator, he has traveled throughout the country delivering lectures, trainings and workshops on crisis, trauma and disaster spiritual care. A board-certified chaplain and board-certified clinical supervisor, he supervises CPE students at the Institute for Clinical Pastoral Training and serves as chaplain at the New York State Fraternal Order of Police. Dr. Miranda earned his doctorate degree at Hebrew Union College -Jewish Institute of Religion.



The Rev. Dr. Klon Kitchen is the Endorser/Executive Director of [Chaplaincy Full Gospel Churches](#) and Chairman of [The National Conference on Ministry to the Armed Forces](#) (NCMAF). NCMAF connects member faith groups, authorized by the Department of Defense and the Federal Government with military and VA chaplaincies, and celebrates the religious diversity of the United States of America. Its membership is made up of religious organizations that represent all major faith communities. NCMAF will advocate for the First Amendment and provide a unified voice on religious freedom and religious diversity



Robyn A. Belmont is a graduate with Honors from UNH in Clinical Psychology, her Master's Degree with Honors, is from Boston College Graduate School of Social Work, Clinical Concentration. Robyn is certified in Forensic Psychology, Dialectical Behavioral Therapy (DBT), Crisis Intervention, Solve Trained, End of Life Advanced Training and Rational Emotive Behavioral Therapy Training (REBT) Albert Ellis Institute, New York. Robyn has worked in acute care psychiatric settings with Veterans, Children, Adults and Families, Homeless and Developmentally Delayed Populations, including Head Trauma, Physically Challenged Patients and Hospice. Clinical concentration and consultative services have included but are not limited to Cross Cultural Therapy Considerations, Substance Abuse and Addictive Disorders, PTSD, Trauma, Behavioral Modification and Programming. Additional clinical areas have included Individual and Family Therapy focusing on a Systems Approach, Child Attachment and Developmental Assessments for State Bureaus of Children with Special Needs, Clinical Supervision including Licensing of Mental Health Practitioners, Legal and Probation Services on a Multi-State level, Program Development with Concurrent Research Study and Grant Utilization, Liaison/Consultant for Educational Systems, Departments of Health and Human Services.



Dr. Vikki O'Connor is a Licensed Clinical Psychotherapist in private practice. Vikki received her MSW and PhD from Syracuse University. In addition to her practice, she also holds an academic position as a Professor of Social Work at [Keuka College](#). Her training specializes in Attachment pathology, Attachment and Family Processes; Intellectual Disability; Family and Marriage and relationship health; Substance Abuse and Addictions, treatment of PTSD and trauma related stress disorders.

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Additional Notes:

Zoom sessions will be recorded and made available for future viewing. [Please pre-register at this link](#)

Need Nominations for all 4 NYSAPC Officers – Please submit nominations **by September 30th** to one of the four current officers listed above.

NYSAPC Membership dues for 2021 need to be paid by December 31, 2021. Payment may be made online https://actionnetwork.org/ticketed_events/association-of-protestant-chaplains-membership-fee-3?clear_id=true
There is a form available at this above link if you would rather pay with a check.

Further questions may be directed to any of the above officers or to Karen Lapierre, NYSCOC Office Manager at office@nyscoc.org or 518 436-9319 or to our NYSCOC Executive Director listed below.

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