

**ECUMENICAL AND INTERFAITH ADVOCACY DAY
FEBRUARY 16, 2022**

**TENTATIVE SCHEDULE
9:00 to 5:00**

9:00 AM Welcome and Prayer

The Federal and State Landscape

The Honorable Kathy Hochul, Governor of the State of New York

The Reverend Dr. Que English, Director, United States Department of Health and Human Services Partnerships Center

James A. Parrott, PhD, Director, Economic and Fiscal Policy, Center for New York City Affairs, The New School

10:00 AM Theological and Anti-Racism Reflections on our Advocacy Work

The Reverend Dr. Roxanne Jones Booth, Co-Pastor, Riverview Missionary Baptist Church, Coeymans, New York

11:00 AM Legislative Visit Training

Alex Tindall Wiesendanger, Author of Seeds for Justice and Lead Organizer, 32BJ SEIU

12:00 to 12:30 Lunch

12:30 to 1:30 Criminal Justice Reform and Environment Justice Seminars (One Hour Sessions are Concurrent. Choose One)

Criminal Justice

Moderator

The Reverend Jim Ketcham, American Baptist Churches, Member, Executive Committee, New York State Council of Churches,

Panelists

Jeffrey Berman, Staff Attorney, Legal Aid

Carole Eady, Co-Chair of Women on the Rise Telling Her Story (WORTH), Director on Board of the Center for Community Alternatives (CCA), Coordinator for Exodus Prison Project at Abyssinian Baptist Church

Anthony Dixon, Director of Community Engagement, Parole Preparation Project
Lee Jason Goldberg, Congregation Beit Simchat Torah
Zachary Katznelson, Executive Director, Independent Commission on New York City Criminal Justice and Incarceration Reform
Roni Minter, Founder of Sistas Healing Old Wounds and Freedom Unshackled Coalition
Elder Chibueze Okorie, Minister of Evangelism and Director of Project Connect, Church of the Gethesemane
Insha Rahman, Vice President, Advocacy and Partnerships, Vera Institute
Yonah Zeitz, Katal Center

Environmental Justice

Moderators

The Reverend John Paarlberg, Reformed Church of America, Executive Committee, New York State Council of Churches
The Reverend John Flack, Evangelical Church of America, Pastor, Our Savior's Atonement Lutheran Church

Panelist

Bob Cohen, Esq., Policy and Research Director, Citizen Action

1:30 to 2:30 Infrastructure, Economic Development, Child Care, and Housing

Moderator

The Reverend Peter Cook, United Church of Christ, Executive Director, New York State Council of Churches

Panelists

Ron Deutsch, New Yorkers for Fiscal Fairness
Rachel Fee, Executive Director, New York Housing Conference
Dorothy (Dede) Hill, Policy Director, Schuyler Center

2:30 to 3:30 Voting Rights and Labor Seminars (One Hour Sessions are Concurrent. Choose One)

Voting Rights

Moderator

The Reverend Jim Ketcham, American Baptist Churches, Member of Executive Committee, New York State Council of Churches

Panelist

Susan Lerner, Executive Director, Common Cause/New York

Labor**Moderator**

Sister Faith Colligan, Sisters of Charity

Panelists

JoAnn Lum, Executive Director, National Mobilization Against Sweat Shops

Maurice Iarry, 1199 SEIU

The Reverend Richard Witt, Episcopal Church, Executive Director, Rural and Migrant Ministry

3:30 to 4:30 Health Care and Immigration (1 Hour Sessions are Concurrent. Choose One)**Health Care****Moderators**

Gary VanKennen, President, New York State Council of Churches

The Reverend Judy VanKennen, United Church of Christ, Pastor, Emmanuel Congregational Church, Massena, New York and Vice-Moderator, New York Conference, United Church of Christ

Panelists:

Mark Hannay, Executive Director, Metro New York Health,

Alex Tindall Wiesendanger, Lead Organizer, 32BJ, Member, Executive Committee, New York State Council of Churches

Immigration**Moderator**

Dahlia Herring, Co-Chair, Capital Region Refugee Roundtable

Panelists:

Sister Danielle Bonnetti, Community of St. Joseph

Catherine C. Darcy, RSM, Sisters of Mercy of the Americas, Institute Justice Team, Researcher
+ NY Resource Manager

Ravi Ragbir, Immigrant Rights Activist