

April 2 - Join Us for Anti-Racism Seminar on Wednesday, April 6 at 4. Ron Deutsch and Peter Cook on the State Budget on Capitol Tonight

**ONGOING CONVERSATIONS ABOUT THE PRACTICE OF ANTI-RACISM
MINISTRY**

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Join us for conversations about the practice of anti-racism ministry. Most denominations have devoted resources and time into doing anti-racism work. We wish to create a monthly space for the public to explore the practice of anti-racism in all of its dimensions. After each seminar, the Council plans to publish key learnings. Our website will also include a compendium of anti-racism resources and a listing of religious and secular based anti-racist education opportunities.

**A CONVERSATION WITH SOME UNITED METHODIST, UNITED CHURCH OF
CHRIST AND PRESBYTERIAN ANTI-RACISM PRACTITIONERS**

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WEDNESDAY, APRIL 6, 4:00 to 5:30

FEATURING

PRESBYTERIAN AND UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

The Reverend Dr. William Wilkinson, (ordained Presbyterian) and Pastor, First Presbyterian Church of Medina

The Reverend Alan Dailey (ordained UCC) Interim Pastor, John Knox Presbyterian Church

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Blenda E. Smith, FNP, PHD, and Charles Syms, Regional Coordinators, Imagine No Racism Initiative

The Reverend Marti Swords-Horrell, Senior Pastor, First United Methodist Church of Oneonta

The Assembly and Senate have adjourned until Monday while state budget negotiators work through the weekend. See what Ron Deutsch, Director, New Yorkers for Fiscal Fairness and The Reverend Peter Cook, Executive Director, New York State Council of Churches had to say about economic development and the budget on [CAPITOL TONIGHT](#). Again, here is [the letter](#) that 79 faith leaders sent to Governor Hochul on Thursday to urge the Governor to give the highest priority to investments in housing, wages, home care, health, and higher education and more while allocating less to traditional economic development programs. We ask for better audits and much greater transparency on how economic development money is being spent. We must be wise stewards of tax payer dollars.



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TELL CONGRESSMAN DELGADO TO STAND UP FOR FARMWORKERS

REP. ANTONIO DELGADO (D, NY-19 FROM CAPITAL DISTRICT, HUDSON VALLEY, CATSKILLS, BINGHAMTON, UTICA) IS URGING GOV. KATHY HOCHUL NOT TO APPROVE SETTING THE OVERTIME THRESHOLD FOR FARMWORKERS AT 40 HOURS

CALL 202-225-5614 TODAY!

LET HIM KNOW FARMWORKERS IN NYS DESERVE BETTER!

SCRIPT AND INFO: [CONTA.CC/35XE2VO](https://conta.cc/35xe2vo)

A reminder that the New York State Council of Churches has strongly endorsed the proposal of the farm wage board to require overtime pay for increasing numbers of qualifying hours over a ten year period for farm workers. By year ten, any hours worked over 40 would qualify for overtime. In addition, the Governor has thoughtfully offered a corresponding tax credit to employers to cover their gradual increase in overtime costs.

Unfortunately, Congressman Antonio Delgado is pressuring the Governor to back off her overtime proposal. We just heard from our partners, Rural and Migrant Ministry about this situation and we need you to call Congressman Delgado and tell him to back off! Here is the script and information you will need:

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The Governor is about to affirm a pathway to overtime for farmworkers at 40 hours. We don't want this derailed! Please let us know that you were able to do this: rmmreedd@gmail.com and PLEASE Pass this On!

We received word that the Assembly today passed the SWEAT bill which would prevent wage theft in New York State. Great news!! Thanks to Assemblywoman Rosenthal for making it happen. **We now call on Senator Jessica Ramos to shepherd the SWEAT bill through the Senate. Please call her office today and say you want the SWEAT bill voted on by the Senate!**

NO ROLLBACKS ON BAIL, RAISE THE AGE AND DISCOVERY

New York State Council of Churches strongly opposes any proposed rollbacks to our bail reform, raise the age and discovery laws. If there is any debate about rollbacks it needs to be done after the budget is done so we can have a complete and transparent conversation about what the laws actually do and do not do and to discuss better solutions than rollbacks to address crime, gun violence and public safety.

For a fuller discussion on farm labor overtime and the SWEAT bill please see our labor ask and corresponding labor seminar along with our full legislative ask and seminars and town halls around the budget and proposed bail, raise the age, and discovery rollback [click here](#).

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