

April 4 - Join Us for Anti-Racism Seminar on Wednesday, April 6 at 4, Budget Update

We are getting a good response to our first conversation on the practice of anti-racism. Please join us!!



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 UPPER NEW YORK CONFERENCE, UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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

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

STATE BUDGET UPDATE

Ron Deutsch and Peter Cook walked the capital today to see what we could learn about the status of budget negotiations. We are hearing:

1. The budget will probably be presented for a vote on Wednesday night or Thursday morning. The Senate and Assembly voted a budget extender today so state employees could get paid.
2. With regard to transparency for economic development deals, we are hearing that the original data base of deals legislation is still on the table but could be weakened. We want to be sure it is not weakened in negotiations! We also want the comptroller to regain his auditing authority and that Empire State Development Corporation have an independent audit. New York has some of the poorest performing and most expensive economic development projects in the country. We can't stop wasting taxpayer money of these projects and start investing in human infrastructure.



Here is our plug on [CAPITOL TONIGHT](#), and again, here is [the letter](#) that 79 faith leaders sent to Governor Hochul on with regard to economic development.

3. No word on the Senate following the Assembly on the SWEAT wage theft bill.. **We 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!**

4. We remain concerned that the Governor remains insistent about rollbacks on bail, raise the age, and discovery but progress may be made on lessening the damage. It continues to slow down resolution of other budget matters. Here is our [town hall](#) on the proposed rollbacks.

5. Human services workers, who often work with homeless people, senior citizens, families and children, may finally be receiving a [cost-of-living adjustment in this year's state budget](#) – after routinely having their raises cut out of the budget under then-Gov. Andrew Cuomo. A coalition is pushing for the first COLA to be 11% to begin making up for no increases for the last 10 years.



6. Capitol police arrested these 22 courageous leaders of the [@CaringMajority](#)

who were simply singing songs and sharing care stories (ok, and maybe refusing to leave when asked). What do we want? [#FairPay4HomeCare](#). When do we want it? Yesterday.7. Here is City and State's [round up](#) on the budget as of late this afternoon, April 4.

For more information on our legislative ask, seminars and town halls around the budget and proposed bail, raise the age, and discovery rollback [click here](#).

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