

BRIDGING THE URBAN-RURAL Divide



Tuesday, July 18, 2017

**Self-Guided Cell-Phone Walking Tour of Johnstown focused on the history of Elizabeth Cady Stanton (Guide at <http://www.ecstantonhometown.org/cellphone-tour.html>) Lunch in Town, Romanos or Partner's Pub. You can also go to the grounds of Johnson Hall at 139 Hall Avenue.
Possible tours of Manufacturing Lab at Fulton-Montgomery College**

11:00am - 1:00pm Registration (Visual Arts & Communications Building)

1:15 Welcome

Dr. Dustin Swanger, President, Fulton-Montgomery Community College and Mr. Mark Kilmer, President and CEO, Fulton-Montgomery Regional Chamber of Commerce.

1:30 to-3:30pm Theological Basis for Bridging the Divide

Speaker: Dr. James Evans, Former President, and Professor Emeritus of Systematic Theology, Colgate Rochester Divinity School, and Senior Pastor, St. Luke's Tabernacle Community Church, Rochester.

Panel: The Reverend Karina Feliz, Pastor, United Methodist Church of the Highlands and Co-Chair, Task Force on Immigration, New York Conference, United Methodist Church

Dr. Alison Collis Greene, Associate Professor of History, Mississippi State University

The Reverend Marti Swords-Horrell, Pastor, Emmaus United Methodist Church, Albany

3:45pm Wine & Cheese Reception

5:30pm Dinner

7:00-9:00 Historical Considerations in Bridging the Divide

Speaker: Dr. Alison Collis Greene, Associate Professor of History, Mississippi State University

Panel: Dr. James Evans

The Reverend Karina Feliz

The Reverend Ralph English, Member of History Faculty, SUNY Empire State College and Pastor of Gloversville United Church of Christ

9:30 – 11:00pm **After Hours and Networking at Raider's Cove**

Wednesday, July 19, 2017

7:30 - 8:30am **Breakfast**

8:45 - 9:00 am **Welcome**

Mr. Craig Talarico, Deputy Mayor of Johnstown and Elder, First Presbyterian Church in Johnstown

9:00 - 11:15am **Hospitality and Outreach as a Basis for Bridging the Divide**

Speaker: The Reverend Karina Feliz, Pastor, United Methodist Church of the Highlands and Co-Chair, Task Force on Immigration, New York Conference, United Methodist Church

Panel:

Ms. Beth Broadway Interfaith Works of Central New York

Dr. James Evans

Dr. Alison Collis Greene

11:30am - 12:30pm **Lunch**

12:30 – 2:30 pm **Alleviating Poverty: Educational, Business, Political and Faith Based Approaches**

Mr. Dan Cullen, Regional Director - Capital Region, Workforce Development Institute (WDI)

Mr. Keith Gros, Director of Human Resources, Keymark Corporation, Fonda, New York (Invited)

*The Reverend Zach Labagh, Convener of Reuel's Well, Dean Foothills Conference Upstate New York Synod
Evangelical Lutheran Church of America and Pastor of St. John's and St. Mark's Lutheran Church,
Canajoharie, New York and Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church, Point Arabia, New York*

Mr. Brian McDonnell, Statewide Political Director, AFSCME NY and New Yorkers Against Corruption

The Reverend Emily McNeil, Executive Director, Labor-Religion Coalition of New York

Mr. Paul Webster, Director of Community Outreach, New York State United Teachers

2:45 - 5:00pm **Creating Together Models for Ministry in Rural and Urban Settings**

The Reverend Peter Cook, Executive Director, New York State Council of Churches and The Reverend Dustin Wright, Pastor, Messiah Lutheran Church Rotterdam and President, NYSCOC with Conference Participants

5:15 pm **Picnic Dinner featuring The 3/17**

7:00 - 9:00pm Challenges and Opportunities from Education, Labor, and a Business Perspective

Speaker: Dr. Dusty Swanger, President, Fulton-Montgomery Community College

Panel:

Mr. Mark Emanatian, Senior Field Coordinator, Capital District Area Labor Federation

Mr. Mark Kilmer, President and CEO, Fulton Montgomery Regional Chamber of Commerce

Dr. Patrick Michel, District Superintendent, BOCES

Mr. Ron Peters, Fulton County Center for Regional Growth

9:30 After Hours at Holiday Inn, North Comrie Avenue

Thursday, July 20, 2017

7:30 - 8:30am Breakfast

8:45am-10:00am Movement Building

Ms. Katie Cook, English Teacher, Condon High School and Farmer, Condon, Oregon and Convener of Rural Voices

Mr. Randy Gunther, Regional Political Organizer, New York State United Teachers,

Mr. Pete Willner, Interfaith Work of Central New York

10:15am-12:00pm Closing Reflections on Where We Go from Here to Bridge the Urban Rural Divide

Dr. Collis Greene, Dr. Evans, and Reverend Feliz,

12:45 Further Conversation at Raindancer, 4582 State Highway 30, Amsterdam or guided tours of Johnson Hall beginning at 1:00, 139 Hall Avenue, Johnstown.