New York State Ecumenical Advocacy Day
Including Fiscal Policy Institute’s Annual Budget Briefing Breakfast
New York State Museum’s Cultural Education Center, 222 Madison Avenue
Huxley Auditorium

February 12, 2020    8:30 am - 4:30 pm

Schedule of Activities

8:30 - 9:00    Coffee and Registration

9:00 to 10:30 Budget Overview with the Fiscal Policy Institute

10:30    Spiritual Reflection and Overall Ask on 2021 State Budget

Jim Cason, Associate Secretary, Friends Committee on Legislation
Lara Kassel, Coordinator, Medicaid Matters, New York
Ron Deutsch, Executive Director, Fiscal Policy Institute,

11:15-12:15 pm    Advocacy Area Workshops--

**Criminal Justice Reform** - Humane Alternatives to Long Term Solitary Confinement (HALT), Protection and Implementation of New Bail Law, Ann Rabe, Defenders Association of New York

**Environmental Issues** - Divestment of State Pension Fund of Fossil Fuel Stocks Jordan Dale, 350.org and Implementation and Funding of Environmental Goals as part of the Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act, Arielle Swernoff, New York Renew

**Immigration** - Foster Care bill to require disclosure of the status of separated children in our state funded facilities; Protect Our Courts Act to limit access of ICE to state courthouses, Expansion of Health Care for Undocumented Immigrants, and Legal Funds for immigrants. **Facilitators:** Sarah Rogerson, Professor, Albany Law School, Ravi Ragbir, Executive Director, New Sanctuary Coalition, The Reverend Dr. Chloe Breyer, Executive Director, Interfaith Center of New York, The Reverend Paul Fleck, Executive Director, New York Justice for Our Neighbors, Inc. Lara Kassel, Coordinator, Medicaid Matters, New York

**Housing and Homelessness** - Affordable Housing and Elimination of Homelessness, including Housing Voucher and Home Stability Support, Funds in 2021 for remaining 14,000 promised units of supportive Housing, 3 billion for public housing, and Release of Funding for HIV/Aids Housing. **Facilitators:** Paulette Soltani, VOCAL New York, Rebecca Garrard, Upstate-Downstate Housing Alliance, Shelly Nortz, Coalition for the Homeless, Peter Cook, NYSCOC, Elizabeth Deutsch, Housing Works.

**Worker Rights** - SWEAT a bill to prevent wage theft. Sarah Ahn, Flushing Workers Center and Carlos Rodriguez-Herrera, National Mobilization Against SweatShops.

12:00 PM    Bail Reform Rally, Million Dollar Staircase

12:15-1:00 pm    Lunch in Concourse

1:30-4:30 pm    Lobby Visits