

AGENDA

RACIAL EQUITY & CRIMINAL JUSTICE IN NEW JERSEY

August 31, 2020 - 7:30-8:45pm

Co-Chairs for Action:

Rev. Laurie Wurm (Grace Church Van Vorst) & Rev. Robert C. Rogers (C.O.G.I.C. For All Saints) **Zoom Moderators:** Joe Vita (Hope Jersey City), Olga Levina (Jersey City Theatre Center),

Brigid D'Souza (St. Aedan's Catholic Church)

Welcome, Ground Rules, & Rounds

Opening Prayer

Who We Are, Recognition of Attendees & Guests

What we are up against in NJ

What we know about progress

Reforming Driver's License Suspensions in New Jersey

Sentencing Reform & a new Morris County Prosecutor

The Wealth Gap & Nehemiah

Responses from Elected Leaders & the Work Ahead

Closing Prayers

Co-Chairs

Rev. Bolivar Flores, NJ Coalition of Latino Pastors & Ministers

Response from US Senator Robert Menendez

Rev. Alison Miller, Morristown Unitarian Fellowship

Rev. Dr. Willard Ashley, Abundant Joy Community Church

Rev. Jessica Lambert, St. Paul's Lutheran Church

Response from Senate President Steve Sweeney

Rev. Mona Fitch-Elliott, St. John's Lutheran Church

Recognition of & Comments from Initial Co-Sponsors: Sen. Sandra Cunningham, Sen. Shirley Turner, Assemblyman Nicholas Chiaravalloti

Rev. Dr. Sidney Williams, Bethel AME Church

Uche Akpa, Fountain of Salvation Church

Bishop Dr. Joshua Rodriguez, The Cityline Church Rev. Dr. Alonzo Perry Sr., New Hope Misionary Baptist

Response from Assembly Speaker Craig Coughlin

Rabbi Elliott Tepperman, Bnai Keshet Bishop William Stokes, Episcopal Diocese of New Jersey