



Interfaith IMPACT of New York State

A More Progressive New York
**IINYS ANNUAL LEGISLATIVE
ADVOCACY DAY**

Monday, May 4, 2020
9:30 am – 3:30 pm
Legislative Office Building
Empire State Plaza, Albany NY

THE ACTION AGENDA

Criminal Justice (HALT Solitary Confinement)

Sexuality Education in the Public Schools

Other issues on the environment and voting reform pending

Doors open at 9:30, program starts at 10:00. After an introduction to the issues and brief remarks by issue experts, we will break up into small groups, each facilitated by an experienced advocate, and meet with elected representatives, selected committee chairs, committee staff and program and counsel staff.

Look for our schedule of pre-advocacy day webinars on our website, <http://iinys.org>, and in your email.

When you arrive, you will get a final schedule and folder of materials. Registration is free, but please let us know you're coming so we can organize teams. **To register, email your name and contact information to info@iinys.org.**

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ADVOCACY DAY: AN INTRODUCTION

As a statewide coalition of congregations and individuals from mainline Protestant, Reform Jewish, Unitarian Universalist and other faith traditions, our mission is to work for the common good through progressive religious advocacy.

Our positions are rooted in the common scriptural and ethical values that we share, which call upon all people to participate in the ongoing work of perfecting the world. We witness boldly, while maintaining the integrity of non-profit religious bodies on whose behalf we speak. We engage in policy; we do not engage in politics.

We organize both as a 501 ©3 (education) and 501 ©4 (advocacy) entity. While our education and advocacy are year-long, we do focus attention on the legislative session. Part of that work is our annual Advocacy Day in Albany. It is usually held in the spring after the budget is passed and the Legislature turns to other issues important to us. We invite members and friends to come to Albany to meet their legislators and their staffs.

Following a morning orientation, participants then fan out through the Legislative Office Building and the Capitol to address selected issues (usually 3 or 4) through small group visits to legislative offices. There is an orientation on the issues selected and how to approach them in our visits. In addition, we drop off our position papers in every legislative office. At the end of the day there is a debriefing and evaluation.

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