



## ***Don't Blame the Poor:*** ***Resources on How To Educate*** ***Congregations About LI and*** ***NY State Poverty***

***Zoom - Thursday June 1, 7-9 PM***

***To register for the Zoom link and your resources contact: [rkmicahli@gmail.com](mailto:rkmicahli@gmail.com)***

### **Presenters:**

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**This workshop will offer resources to help congregations educate about:**

- **Abrahamic religious perspectives on poverty**
- **American cultural biases that stigmatize low-income people**
- **The extent of poverty on Long Island and in NY State**
- **Racial and class inequities in housing, education, child care, employment, health care, criminal justice and environmental protection**
- **Punitive public policies that fail to address the underlying causes of poverty**
- **Misplaced government budget priorities that contribute to poverty**
- **Actions for people of faith to address the structural causes of poverty**

**This presentation draws from two 2022 poverty reports:**

- ***"Still Struggling in Suburbia: The Unmet Challenges of Poverty in Suffolk County"* by the Welfare to Work Commission of the Suffolk County Legislature**
- ***"NY State Poor People's Campaign 2023 State of the State Report"***