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**RURAL & MIGRANT MINISTRY, INC.**

# **BREAKING DOWN WALLS AND BUILDING COMMUNITY IN RURAL NEW YORK**

*A six-month cohort of new clergy and lay leaders, rooted in  
popular education and focused on social transformation*

## **BE A DRUM MAJOR FOR JUSTICE**

We believe, as faith leaders, that we are called to be drum majors for social transformation. Across the United States, this can prove challenging as we face the many historical and current walls of oppression.

This cohort will take it upon themselves to gather together at the borderlands: dismantling systemic oppression at the peripheries of the American experience.

RMM has stood alongside rural and farmworking communities for 40 years. Our Mission is to uplift all people and workers statewide in Hope, Justice and Empowerment. Through Accompaniment, Popular Education and Youth Empowerment, we work to create a more just New York State for all.

For more information, please visit [\*\*bit.ly/RMMCohortInfo2021\*\*](https://bit.ly/RMMCohortInfo2021).

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# WHO?

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The cohort will be made up of sixteen faith leaders from rural congregations and those from urban/suburban congregations who seek to be allies.

# WHAT?

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Through twelve sessions over six months, program participants will develop a program of social transformation that will engage both their congregation and their community. Utilizing popular education pedagogy, we will learn from one another and from members of the community. Grounded in the story of Exodus, the cohort will engage in discussion, exploration and action, supported by readings from a diverse array of authors and practitioners.

# WHEN AND WHERE?

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We will begin virtually and, depending on the path of the pandemic and the comfort of the cohort, eventually shift to in-person. RMM is pleased to offer our Center in Cornwall-on-Hudson to participants for mini-retreats in the midst of this program, as well as to provide spiritual and pastoral support.

## **Program dates:**

4/26, 5/10, 5/24, 6/7, 6/21, 7/5, 7/19, 8/2, 9/13, 9/20, 9/27, 10/4

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*Cost of program is \$240. Scholarships are available.*

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