



MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

2015 Lutheran Legislative Event

Sponsored by Poverty & Justice Task Force of ELCA SWT Synod
 Participating ELCA Synods: Southwestern Texas, Northern Texas-
 Northern Louisiana, Texas-Louisiana Gulf Coast
 Program Planned by Texas Impact

February 15-17, 2015

Gethsemane Lutheran Church – Austin, Texas

Do you wonder why our Texas legislators sometimes don't understand issues of importance to Lutherans? Would you like to help them understand those issues? If so, now's your opportunity to impact the legislative process!

2015 Lutheran Legislative Event Program:

Sunday, February 15, 4:00 pm-8:30 pm Opening Session
 Monday, February 16, 7:30 am-8:30 pm Issues, Caucus, and Training Sessions
 Tuesday, February 17, 7:30 am-1:00 pm Legislative Visits at the Capitol

Event Location:

Gethsemane Lutheran Church
 200 W Anderson Lane
 Austin, TX 78752
 512-836-8560

Nearby Hotels:

Clarion Atrium North 7928 Gessner Dr., Austin 78753; 512-339-7311	Howard Johnson Hotel 7800 IH-35 N. Austin 78753; 512-837-5800
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Online registration at <http://www.swtsynod.org/calendarevents>; registration deadline: Jan. 29, 2015

Check for updates on the 2015 Lutheran Legislative Event at the Poverty and Justice Task Force website (<http://soulcafe.org/group/poverty-and-justice-task-force-southwestern-texas-synod>).

Note: After linking to the soulcafe.org website, you'll need to create an account (account name & password) prior to accessing web pages.

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AGENDA

Sunday, February 15

3:00-6:30 pm Registration (*Narthex*)
 4:00-5:00 pm Worship Service – Bishop Michael Rinehart, preaching (*Sanctuary*)
 5:15-6:15 pm Opening Program (*Multi-purpose Room*)
 6:30-8:30 pm Dinner (*Multi-purpose Room*)
 [Note: Display area – open 3:00-8:30 pm (*Steffans Parlor*)]

Monday, February 16

Current legislative issues include: education, water, criminal justice, immigration, health care, and payday lending

7:30am-noon Registration (*Multi-purpose Room*)
 7:30-8:00 am Light Breakfast (*Multi-purpose Room*)
 8:00-8:30 am Praise and Announcements (*Multi-purpose Room*)
 8:30-10:00 am Issues Program (*Multi-purpose Room*)
 10:00-10:30 am Break
 10:30-11:45 am Issues Program, cont'd. (*Multi-purpose Room*)
 12:00-1:30 pm Lunch Program (*Multi-purpose Room*)
 1:45-3:00 pm Issues Program, cont'd. (*Multi-purpose Room*)
 3:00-3:30 pm Break
 3:30-4:15 pm Issues Program, cont'd. (*Multi-purpose Room*)
 4:30-5:45 pm Synod Caucuses (*Multi-purpose Room, Steffans Parlor, Sanctuary*)
 6:00-7:30 pm Dinner (*Multi-purpose Room*)
 7:30-8:30 pm Lobby Training (*Multi-purpose Room*)
 [Note: Display area – open 7:30 am - 8:30 pm (*Steffans Parlor*)]

Tuesday, February 17

7:15-7:30 am Carpooling participants: meet in Gethsemane parking lot
 7:30-8:30 am Travel to Capitol for Lobby Visits
 8:30-9:00 am Orientation (*Capitol Auditorium*)
 9:00-11:15 am Legislative Visits (*Capitol Legislators' Offices*)
 11:15am-12:00 pm Closing Session (*Capitol Auditorium*)
 12:00-1:00 pm Carpooling participants: travel from Capitol to Gethsemane