

# Texas Impact

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## MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

### 2017 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 & PJTF

**February 12-14, 2017**

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!*

#### 2017 Lutheran Legislative Event Program (preliminary); see reverse side for details:

Sunday, 2:45 am-8:00 pm Workshop, Worship, and Biblical Advocacy Training  
Monday, 8:00 am-8:30 pm Issues, Caucus, and Issues Training Sessions  
Tuesday, 8:30 am-1:00 pm Legislative Visits at the Capitol

#### Nearby Hotels:

Clarion Atrium North; 7928 Gessner Dr., Austin 78753; 512-339-7311  
Super 8 North; 8128 IH-35 N, Austin 78753; 512-339-1300  
Howard Johnson Hotel; 7800 IH-35 N, Austin 78753; 512-837-5800

For more information, contact the Poverty & Justice Task Force (PJTF) member representing your Conference or Mary Lou Newman, PJTF Chair, [ralls-newman@sbcglobal.net](mailto:ralls-newman@sbcglobal.net):

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### “Called to be Light”

#### Sunday, February 12

2:00 pm Registration Opens  
2:45-3:45 pm Workshop (Texas Impact initiatives)  
4:00-5:00 pm Worship  
5:15-6:15 pm *Biblical Advocacy Training* – Rev. Alexia Salvatierra  
6:30-8:00 pm Dinner with speaker

#### Monday, February 13 (*Multi-purpose Room*)

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

7:30-8:00 am Registration & Light Breakfast  
8:00-8:10 am Opening Devotion  
8:10-8:30 am Welcome by PJTF  
8:30-9:15 am *Payday Lending* – Rev. Amy Reumann, Director, Advocacy, ELCA (*invited*)  
9:15-10:00 am *Advocacy & Alternative Lending Options* – Rick Ertel, PJTF Member & TI VP  
10:00-10:30 am Break  
10:30-11:15 am Issue #1 – TBD by Texas Impact  
11:15-12:00 pm Issue #2 – TBD by Texas Impact  
12:15-1:15 pm Lunch with speaker  
1:15-2:00 pm Issue #3 – TBD by Texas Impact  
2:00-2:45 pm Issue #4 – TBD by Texas Impact  
2:45-3:00 pm Break  
3:00-4:30 pm DIALOGUE TO DETERMINE 2017 LUTHERAN LEGISLATIVE AGENDA  
4:30-6:15 pm *Legislative Advocacy Training*, Texas Impact staff  
6:15-7:30 pm Dinner (no presentation; sit with your legislative visit team)  
7:30-8:30 pm Reception hosted by PJTF & Texas Impact  
*[Note: Display area – open 8:00 am – 7:30 pm]*

#### Tuesday, February 14 (*Breakfast on your own*)

7:30-8:30 am Travel to Capitol for Legislative Visits (carpooling is available)  
8:30-9:00 am Orientation to the Texas Capitol (Location TBD)  
9:00-11:15 am Legislative Visits (Capitol Legislators' Offices)  
11:15-12:00 pm Closing Session (Location TBD)  
12:00-1:00 pm Carpooling participants: travel from Capitol to Gethsemane

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