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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

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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