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## **2018 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 11-13, 2018**

**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!*

### **2018 Lutheran Legislative Event Program (preliminary):**

Sunday, 2:45 pm – 8:00 pm      Opening plenary; worship; workshop  
Monday, 7:30 am – 8:00 pm      Legislative issues, caucus, issues training  
Tuesday, 8:30 am – 1:00 pm      Legislative visits at the Capitol

### **Registration to open on SWT Synod website (<http://www.swtsynod.org/synodevents>) in Fall 2017:**

\$ 90 – Registration through February 1, 2018

\$105 – Registration from February 2, 2018

(Includes Sunday dinner and Monday meals; Tuesday breakfast is on your own)

***Note:** A limited number of scholarships are available to cover registration fee for participants under 25, seminarians, or financial need. If interested, contact PJTF Chair, Mary Lou Newman, [ralls-newman@sbcglobal.net](mailto:ralls-newman@sbcglobal.net)*

### **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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## Rooted in Faith/Grounded in Love

*Legislative issues include: education, foster care, human trafficking, criminal justice, immigration, health care, environment, water, etc.*

### **Sunday, February 11** [Preliminary]

- 2:00-4:00 pm Registration Opens
- 2:45-3:45 pm Opening Plenary
- 4:00-5:00 pm Worship – Rev. Alexia Salvatierra, preaching;  
Bishops Ray Tiemann, Mike Rinehart, Erik Gronberg, worship leaders
- 5:15-6:15 pm Session – Rev. Alexia Salvatierra
- 6:30-8:00 pm Dinner – 7:00 pm Speaker: Rev. Alexia Salvatierra

### **Monday, February 12** (*Multi-purpose Room*) [Preliminary] [*Note: Display area – open 8:00 am – 6:30 pm*]

- 7:30-8:00 am Registration & Light Breakfast
- 8:00-8:15 am Welcome
- 8:15-8:30 am Devotion
- 8:30-9:30 am Session – ELCA Washington, D.C. Advocacy Office
- 9:30-9:45 am Break
- 9:45-10:45 am Issue #1 – TBD
- 10:45-11:45 am Issue #2 – TBD
- 11:45am-noon Payday Lending Update – Rick Ertel
- 12:00-1:00 pm Lunch – video; sit in Senate teams
- 1:00-2:00 pm Issue #3 – TBD
- 2:00-3:00 pm Issue #4 – TBD
- 3:00-3:15 pm Break
- 3:15-5:45 pm Dialogue to determine 2018 Lutheran Legislative ACTIONS
- 6:00-6:45 pm Legislative Engagement – Beaman Floyd, Texas Impact lobbyist
- 6:45-8:00 pm Dinner – Speaker: TBD

### **Tuesday, February 13** (*Breakfast on your own*) [Preliminary]

- 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