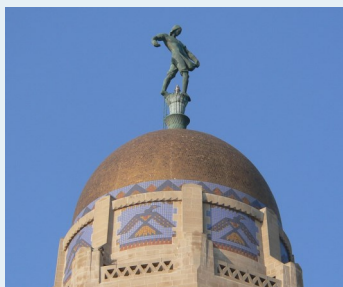


Our Mission:

We operate under the assumption that living out of God's grace means, at least in part, fighting for justice for those oppressed or in need whose voices go unheard.

We believe that ordinary citizens can take action on behalf of the disadvantaged by advocating for just laws.

The purpose of the day, then, is help voters of the State of Nebraska better understand upcoming legislation in the Unicameral and the effects of that legislation in order that they may advocate for justice through the passage of laws that protect the rights and address the needs of the less fortunate.



Conference Goals:

- ⇒ To provide information about particular concerns we all share
- ⇒ To learn how these issues are being addressed in our legislature
- ⇒ To call together leadership in various disciplines to share their knowledge and insight about the issues
- ⇒ To provide information about how to contact our senators regarding bills being debated and how their passage/defeat might affect us
- ⇒ To provide material to share with church groups, family, friends, and neighbors

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Nebraska Ecumenical Legislative Briefing Day



SATURDAY
FEBRUARY 10, 2024

Christ United Methodist Church
4530 A Street, Lincoln, Nebraska

Workshop Topics:

Economics of Exclusion:

Legislation of exclusion-What it's costing us

Cindy Maxwell-Ostdiek

Former Candidate for Nebraska Legislature

Mental Health:

*Legislative and other issues affecting
Nebraska's behavioral health system*

Patrick Kreifels, MSW, LICSW, LIMHP

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Education: *Challenges facing*

Nebraska's public school systems

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Environment: *Protecting water and the value of faith advocacy*

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School Safety: *Let's talk about it*

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Housing: *Housing Shortages in Nebraska*

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Event Schedule:

- 8:00 a.m. **Registration & Fellowship**
- 9:00 a.m. **Welcome**
- 9:10 a.m. **Panel Discussion:**
**Options for Criminal
Justice Reform**
Jason Witmer, *ACLU of Nebraska*
Olivia Butts, *Justice in Action*
Fran Kaye, *Nebraskans for Prison Reform*
- 10:00 a.m. **Session A:**
- **Economics of Exclusion**
- **Mental Health**
- **Education**
- 11:05 a.m. **Session B:**
- **Environment**
- **School Safety**
- **Housing**
- 12:00 p.m. **Lunch**
- 12:45 p.m. **Breaking News**
Rachel Gibson, *VP of Action*
League of Women Voters
- 12:55 p.m. **Wrap Up**

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Workshop Options: (Choose one)

- ☐ **Economics of Exclusion**
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☐ **Education**

Session B:

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- ☐ **Environment**
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☐ **Housing**

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