## **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 to 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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# 50th Annual Nebraska Ecumenical Legislative Briefing Day



Saturday February 8, 2025

Christ United Methodist Church 4530 A Street Lincoln, Nebraska

## Workshops

### **Topic:** Positive Immigration Laws for Thriving Nebraska Communities

Ruby Méndez López, Community Organizer and Nick Grandgenett, Staff Attorney, Immigrants & Communities Program, Nebraska Appleseed

## **Topic:** A Housing Advocate's Guide to the Nebraska Legislature

Allie Christianson Senior Community Organizer Civic Nebraska

## Topic: A Discussion on Sustaining DEI Impact in an Evolving Environment

Keith Station, Deputy Chief of Staff - City of Omaha Mayor's Office

#### **Topic: The 2025 Tax and Budget Debate in the Nebraska Legislature** Dr. Rebecca Firestone

OpenSky Executive Director

### **Topic:** Building Common Ground with Elected Officials to Advance Issues

Cammy Watkins, Executive Director Inclusive Communities

#### Topic: Breaking News, How Bills Are Passed Rachel Gibson League of Women Voters

## Schedule

8 am <u>Check-in</u>, fellowship with light refreshments

### 9 am <u>Opening, Worship & History</u> 9:25 am <u>Education Panel</u> Senator Lou Ann Linehan and Mr. Tim Royers

### 10:20-11:05 am Session 1 Workshops

- Immigration
- <u>A Housing Advocate's Guide to</u> <u>the Nebraska Legislature</u>
- <u>Sustaining DEI Impact in an</u>
   <u>Evolving Environment</u>
- 11:05 brief break to change rooms

### 11:15 am-12 pm Session 2 Workshops

- <u>Taxation</u>
- Building Common Ground with Elected Officials to Advance Issues
- Breaking News, How Bills Are
   Passed

### 12 pm lunch

12:45 pm Closing Program 1 pm dismissal



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