

Afternoon Session

Advocacy: How the Legislature Works and Why and How to Communicate With Your State Senator

This session will be a part of the transition from lunch to wrap-up. We will have the opportunity to practice what we preach. This relates to all bills in the legislature. It will include process and example. Your senators need to hear from you. Facilitator: Rev. Dr. Ron Roemmich, United Methodist pastor, retired

FAQs

What is the cost?

The cost for the day is \$20 if you register by Feb. 5, and includes lunch. The cost is \$25 at the door. Student scholarships, allowing students to attend at no cost, are available. To receive a scholarship, you must be a full-time student (or nearly full time) and register by mail or at the door. For more information, contact Ruby Thelander at [rubythelander@gmail.com](mailto:rbythelander@gmail.com).

Tell me about registration check-in

Park in the lot at the back of the church or in the surrounding neighborhood. Enter through the double doors at the back of the church and turn right at the first hallway. Go straight through to the dining room.

What about lunch?

A full meal will be served. You can request a vegetarian meal if you register in advance. We cannot prepare a special meal the day of the conference.

Is there child care?

Yes, and it's free! However, you need to provide us with essentials like baby bottles filled with milk or formula, diapers and perhaps, if you think it necessary, a change of clothes. We will have snacks for the children and a light lunch for them. **Please note: We need the number and ages of your children by Jan. 22 in order to ensure we have enough staff on hand. Staffing numbers are mandated by law. For further information, contact Kim Garrison at kim.garrison@christumclinc.org.**

Schedule

- 8:00 a.m. Registration/Fellowship
- 9:00 a.m. Worship in Sanctuary
(Led by students from Creighton Univ.)
- 9:30 a.m. First Workshop
- 10:30 a.m. Second Workshop
- 11:30 a.m. Third Workshop
- 12:30 p.m. Luncheon in Dining Hall
- 1:40 p.m. Afternoon Session
- 2:40 p.m. Wrap Up

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Ecumenical Legislative Briefing Day

Saturday
February 8, 2020

Christ United Methodist Church
4530 A Street
Lincoln, Nebraska

Workshop Topics & Presenters

- 1. Aging - Advocating for the 50+ in Nebraska** (Sessions: 1, 2)
Speakers: Jina Ragland, Associate State Director, Advocacy and Outreach, AARP NE; Bob Lassen, Volunteer State Advocacy Coordinator, PharmD, AARP NE; Susan DeCamp, Volunteer Government Affairs Coordinator, AARP NE
- 2. Breaking News - What's Happening Now** (Sessions: 1, 2, 3)
Speaker: Rev. Carol Windrum, Retired Director, Peace With Justice Ministries, Nebraska Conference of the United Methodist Church
- 3. Criminal Justice - Restorative Justice: A Victim-Centered Approach to Crime** (Session: 3)
Speaker: James Jones, Executive Director, Community Justice Center
- 4. Education - Public School Funding: Threats and Opportunities** (Sessions: 1, 2)
Speaker Ann Hunter Pirtle, Executive Director & Founder, Stand For Schools
- 5. Immigration - Standing With Migrants for Justice** (Sessions: 1, 2)
Speaker: Andrea Paret, Community Advocate, Justice For Our Neighbors - Nebraska
- 6. Mental Health - Advocating & Educating for Nebraska's Behavioral Health System of Care** (Sessions: 1 and 2)
Speaker: Annette Dubas, Executive Director, Nebraska Association of Behavioral Health Organizations
- 7. Opioids - The Next Steps to Address the Opioid Crisis** (Sessions: 1,2,3)
Speaker: Kelly K. Dineen, RN, JD, PhD., Assistant Professor and Director, Health Law Program, Creighton University School of Law
- 8. Racial Justice - Equality for All** (Sessions: 1, 2, 3)
Speaker: A'Jamal Byndon, Disproportionate Minority Compliance Coordinator - Douglas County, Coalition for a Strong Nebraska
- 9. Water - RegeNErate Nebraska: Growing Nebraska Communities From the Ground Up** (Sessions: 2, 3)
Speaker: Graham Christensen, President & Founder, GC Resolve, and State Secretary, Nebraska Farmers Union

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**Advance Registration Deadline:
Feb. 5, 2020**

***If you need childcare, deadline:
Jan. 22, 2020**

Name: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

Workshops and Other Details

Workshop numbers can be found at left. (Aging, for example, is #1, Education is #4, etc.)

Session 1: Workshop Options: (Choose one)

1__ 2__ 4__ 5__ 6__ 7__ 8__

Session 2: Workshop Options: (Choose one)

1__ 2__ 4__ 5__ 6__ 7__ 8__ 9__

Session 3: Workshop Options: (Choose one)

2__ 3__ 7__ 8__ 9__

Because one of the above may be full by the time you register, choose a fourth workshop: #____

Please prepare a vegetarian meal for me____

**Advance Registration Fee – \$20 (incl. lunch)
At the door – \$25 (lunch as available)**

Detach and mail with check payable to:

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