

People of Faith United for Justice



As people of faith we are called to join the public conversation about the common good – about the kind of a state and nation we can

be justifiably proud of, the legacy we want to leave our children and future generations. Past generations of citizens, through government, made the decisions and investments that benefit us today. Now it is our turn.

People of Faith United for Justice is a day-long gathering to learn, discuss, pray and advocate together for social justice issues of importance to all the people of Wisconsin. As a new legislature starts work on the next state budget, our representatives need to hear our values, priorities, and concerns, our expectations and aspirations.

Whether we expect them to agree with us or not, they need to hear from us.



Together, we can ensure that our commitment to compassion and justice is reflected in that budget.

There will be briefing sessions on these issues during the day as well as opportunities for training for effective engagement with legislators in the afternoon visits at the Capitol. We hope that Advocacy Day will inspire and equip you for effective advocacy throughout the year.

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Advocacy Day at the Capitol

People of Faith United for Justice Advocacy Day

**Tuesday,
April 4, 2017**

9:30 am - 4:00 pm

**First United
Methodist Church
203 Wisconsin Ave
Madison**

Register to join hundreds of people from across the state in support of real security for WI families – food security, housing, childcare, clean water, and protecting teens from trafficking.

Advocacy Day Agenda

First United Methodist Church Madison, WI

- 8:30 Registration and Refreshments
- 9:30 Morning Plenary
 - Keynote Speaker
 - Overview of Issues
 - Training for Legislative Visits
- 10:45 Break
- 11:05 Issues Breakout Sessions
- 12:00 Break
- 12:15 Lunch-meet by Senate Districts
- 1:15 Leave for Capitol
- 2:00 Senate Legislative visits
- 3:00 Assembly Legislative visits
- 4:00 Advocacy Day Concludes

Protecting Our Social Safety Net: Wisconsin families rely on food stamps, housing vouchers, BadgerCare, and other programs to help them meet their basic needs. Raise your voice to protect access to these vital services.

Confronting the Hidden Problem of Sex Trafficking in our Rural and Urban Communities: Support bi-partisan efforts and challenge our legislators to do more.

Preserving Clean Drinking Water: Lead and manure in water supplies threaten human health throughout our state. Tell your legislators we must ensure safe drinking water for everyone.

Keynote Speaker:



The Rt. Rev. Steven A. Miller was elected eleventh Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Milwaukee on May 31, 2003. He was consecrated on October 18, 2003 at the Mater Christi Chapel of the Archbishop Cousins Catholic

Center in Milwaukee.

Though he has led large parishes, Bishop Miller's early experience kindled a special and ongoing interest in working with congregations in rural areas. He served the Diocese of Virginia as a cluster revitalization officer and chaired the diocesan Commission of Congregational Development and Revitalization from 1995 to 2001. He is a certified trainer for the Church Development Institute, specializing in leading vestry retreats and revitalization consultations for congregations of all sizes.

Bishop Miller first encountered the Episcopal Church when he sang at a folk service presented by the Episcopal campus ministry at Michigan State, and music has remained close to his spiritual heart throughout his life and career. He is known to spice his sermons and speeches with lyrics from popular songs, connecting their hope and longing with that of the Gospel.

He served as co-chair of the Moravian-Episcopal Dialogue which drafted the full communion proposal "Finding our Delight" adopted by the 76th General Convention of the Episcopal Church in 2009 and by the Northern and Southern Provinces of the Moravian Church in 2010. Bishop Miller was the preacher at the Service inaugurating the full communion agreement held at Central Moravian Church, Bethlehem, Pennsylvania on February 10, 2011. In 2012, he was named Episcopal co-chair of the Moravian Episcopal Coordinating Committee which oversees the full communion relationship.

Yes, Register Me for Advocacy Day: Registration & Lunch: \$25/person by March 27. After March 27, \$35 (lunch not guaranteed)

Name: _____

Street: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

(If your home and congregation are in different districts, please provide the address for the district of the legislator you wish to meet. Go to <http://legis.wisconsin.gov> to find the legislator for either address)

Email address: _____ @ _____ . _____

Congregation: _____ Denomination/Faith Tradition _____

Can you serve as a group leader for your legislative visits? Yes No

Dietary restrictions: _____ How did you hear about this event? _____

Mail to: WCC, 750 Windsor Street, Ste. 301, Sun Prairie, WI 53590, or

Register online at: www.wichurches.org under "Events"