

Hope: Action & Accountability

The 39th Annual United Women in Faith Texas Legislative Event

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PROGRAM

Sunday, January 25, 2026

Noon	Registration Opens Opening Reception	Red Pepper Bar
1:00PM	Opening Worship Worship Leader, Dr. Debra J. Johnson Call to Worship & Scripture, Abby Gutierrez Song Leader, Frances Curry and Deborah Webster Message, Dr. Debra J. Johnson Closing Prayer, Dorothy Ringer-Sumner	Hill Country Room
1:30PM	Welcome and Orientation	Hill Country Room
2:00PM	Transition to Workshops	
2:15PM	Workshops Round One	

Elections: March Matters <i>Deirdre Walsh & Marjorie Clifton, In Good Company</i>	Elm
Changing by Choice: A Fresh Look at Climate and Faith <i>Rev. Dr. Becca Edwards, Texas Impact</i>	Cherry
HR1: The "Big Bad Bill" is Bad for Our Health <i>Lynn Cowles, Every Texan</i>	Cyprus
Higher Education on a Tightrope <i>Beaman Floyd</i>	Sycamore
Show Me the Money: The State Budget <i>Shannon Halbrook, Every Texan</i>	PDA3

3:15PM **Transition to Workshops**

3:30

Workshops Round Two

The Damage Done: Public Education After the 89th <i>Ellen Alexandrakis and Grace Bonilla, Texas Impact</i>	Elm
Food Security and SNAP: Hunger is on the Table <i>Dianne Hardy-Garcia and Rev. Andrew Terry, Episcopal Diocese of Texas</i>	Cherry
Works for Me: Advice and Tips from Texas Impact Team Leaders <i>Kyle Riley, Sydney Marmurek, and Texas Impact Team Members</i>	Cyprus
Vidas Robadas: Gun Violence Prevention <i>Dylan Le and Bobby Watson</i>	Sycamore
Playbook for Prophets: Using Your Social Statements for Advocacy <i>Regina Banks and Laura Muther</i>	PDA3
March Matters Hands On <i>Deirdre Walsh, Marjorie Clifton, and Rebecca McIlwain</i>	Red Pepper Grill

4:30PM **Transition to Workshops**

4:45PM **Workshops Round Three**

Ministro Corpus: Immigration Update and Next Steps <i>Kristin Etter and Grace Bonilla</i>	Elm
If Mama Ain't Happy: Reproductive Policy and Maternal Health <i>Kyle Riley and Sydney Marmurek</i>	Cherry
Y'all Still Means All: Faith Leadership on LGBTQ+ Rights <i>Diane Hardy-Garcia and Rev. Alyssa Stebbing, Episcopal Diocese of Texas</i>	Cyprus
Not My Faith: Confronting Christian Nationalism <i>Rev. Mara Bim</i>	Sycamore
The Day After: Disaster Policy After the Kerrville Flood <i>Rev. Dr. Becca Edwards, Texas Impact</i>	PDA3
Public Education Hands On <i>Ellen Alexandrakis and Beaman Floyd</i>	Red Pepper Grill

5:45PM **Transition to Dinner**

6:15PM

DINNER

Hill Country Room

Blessing: Minerva Briones, Rio Texas Conference UWF President

KEYNOTE

Skye Perryman, J.D.
President and CEO, Democracy Forward

Monday, January 26, 2026

8:30AM Morning Praise Hill Country Room

Devotional: Debra Hughey, Horizon Texas Conference Social Action Chair

9:00AM The State of Our State Hill Country Room

Rep. Gary Van Deaver
Rep. Donna Howard
Beaman Floyd, moderator

10:00AM BREAK

10:30AM All Hands On Deck Hill Country Room

The Health and Human Service System Sunset Review

Jaime Puente, Every Texan
Lynn Cowles, Every Texan
Diana Forester, Texans Care for Children
Heather Malkawi, moderator

11:30AM BREAK

12:00PM LUNCH Hill Country Room

Blessing: Wendy Campbell, Horizon Texas Conference UWF President

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Members of the UWF Assembly Team

1:30PM BREAK

2:00PM Workshops Round Four

Not My Faith: Confronting Christian Nationalism <i>Rev. Mara Bim</i>	Elm
Hunger Hands On <i>Diane Hardy-Garcia</i>	Cherry
Immigration Hands On <i>Grace Bonilla and Kristin Etter</i>	Cyprus
Advocacy Hands On <i>Kyle Riley</i>	Sycamore
Texas Impact 101	PDA3
Health and Human Service System Hands On <i>Heather Malkawi, Alex Lang, Bee Moorhead, Beaman Floyd</i>	Red Pepper Grill

- 3:00PM** **Transition**
- 3:15PM** **Secret Sauce? Public Witness and Legislator Meetings** **Hill Country Room**
- Beaman Floyd
 Scott Atnip
 Rebecca McIlwain
- 4:15PM** **Transition**
- 4:30PM** **Legislative Visit Preparation**

North TX: SD 1–2–8–12–16–23–30	Elm
East TX: SD 3–4–5–6–7–11–13–15–17–18	Cherry
West TX: SD 19–24–28–29–31	Cyprus
South TX: SD 20–21–26–27	Sycamore
Also North TX: SD 9–10–22–23	PDA3
Central TX: SD 14 + 25	Red Pepper Grill

- 5:30PM** **Pick up folders for legislative visits** **Oak Room**
- 6:30 PM** **Dinner** **Hill Country Room**

Blessing: Cheryl Felder, New Mexico Conference Representative

KEYNOTE

Trigg Talley
Former U.S. State Dept. Climate Negotiator

Tuesday, January 27, 2026

- 7:00AM** Buses depart for the Capitol
- 7:30AM** Breakfast in the Legislative Conference Center TX Capitol Room E2.002
- 8:30AM** Legislative Visits and Debriefs TX Capitol Auditorium E1.002
- 11:00AM** Closing Gathering and Sending Forth TX Capitol Auditorium E1.002

*See you January 24-26, 2027
for the 40th Annual UWF Legislative Event!*

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