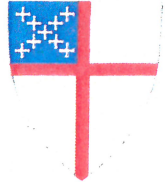


## Texas Lutheran-Episcopal Legislative Conference



*The Evangelical Lutheran Church in America and the Episcopal Church believe that God uses our hands, through our direct service work and our voices, through our advocacy efforts, to restore and reconcile our world. Through faithful advocacy, we live out our belief that governments can help advance the common good. We mobilize on issues of social change, seek to transform unjust structures in societies, and work to be catalysts for equality, justice, and community transformation.*

*We join together to call on Texas lawmakers to prioritize the needs of the marginalized and vulnerable in our state; to work for the healing of racial, environmental, and economic injustice; and to protect the environment that sustains all our lives.*

## Legislative Priorities 2019

### Priority Area: Education

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- Increase funding for public education, and ensure that public dollars go to public education for public purposes.
- Fully fund full-day pre-kindergarten statewide.

### Priority Area: The Environment

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- Reduce greenhouse gas emissions in Texas by advancing the use of renewable energy.
- Establish planning processes to prepare for impacts attributable to climate change such as those associated with natural disasters.

### Priority Area: Civil Rights

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- Eliminate all forms of discriminatory law enforcement, including repealing SB 4.
- Increase accountability, transparency, and state oversight of state spending on border security.

### Priority Area: Health and Wellness

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- Ensure comprehensive health insurance coverage for all Texans including expanding Medicaid.
- Adopt measures to reduce maternal and infant mortality.

### Priority Area: Hunger and Poverty

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- Remove and resist barriers to enrollment in public benefits such as nutrition assistance and health insurance.
- End payday lending and other predatory financial practices

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