



# LEGISLATIVE EVENT 2023

JANUARY 29 - 31, 2023 | AUSTIN, TX

Presented by the Texas



United  
Women  
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## AGENDA

Sunday, January 29

Noon

### Registration

*Hallway outside Hill Country Ballroom*

1:00PM

### Opening Convening

*Hill Country Ballroom*

*Invocation: Mary Brown, 2023 UWF Legislative Event Committee Chair &  
Abby Gutierrez, 2023 UWF Legislative Event Committee Vice-Chair*

2:00PM-5:00PM Workshops

*Each session will last 50 minutes. Each session will include one Zoom option and three in-person options.*

### 2:00PM Workshop

In-Person Sessions

#### **Methane:**

Reverend Mel Caraway |  
*Sycamore*

**Abortion:** Bee Moorhead  
*Hill Country*

#### **Election Preparation:**

Josh Houston | *Pecan*

Zoom Session

**LGBT:** Ricardo Martinez,  
Equality Texas

### 3:00PM Workshop

In-Person Sessions

#### **Gun Violence:**

Bobby Watson |  
*Sycamore*

**LGBT:** Ricardo Martinez,  
Equality Texas |  
*Hill Country*

#### **Election Preparation:**

Josh Houston | *Pecan*

Zoom Session

**Migration:**  
Fabiola Olvera Benitez

### 4:00PM Workshop

In-Person Sessions

#### **Gun Violence:**

Bobby Watson |  
*Sycamore*

**Migration:**  
Fabiola Olvera Benitez |  
*Hill Country*

#### **Election Preparation:**

Josh Houston | *Pecan*

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**Methane:**  
Reverend Mel Caraway

*Sunday, continued*

- 5:00PM     **Worship**  
Worship Leader: Deaconess Diana Woods
- 6:00PM     **Dinner**  
Blessing: Pamela Pinkerton-Whitley, Central Texas Conference UWF President
- Keynote Speaker: Reverend Melanie Mullen, Director, Department Of Reconciliation, Justice, Creation Care, The Episcopal Church**
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## **Monday, January 30**

- 8:00AM     **Immunization Policy Briefing**  
Terri Burke, The Immunization Partnership
- 9:00AM     **Morning Praise**  
*Devotional: Minerva Briones, Rio Texas Conference UWF President*
- 9:15AM     **Maternal Health and Reproductive Rights: Such a Time**  
Blake Rocap, AVOW  
Diana Forester, Texans Care for Children
- 10:45     **Public Education: Vouchers, Testing, and Culture Wars**  
Beaman Floyd
- Noon     **Lunch**  
*Blessing: Dr. Debra J. Johnson, Rio Texas Conf UWF Social Action Chair*
- Keynote Speaker: John Hill, Interim General Secretary, United Methodist Board of Church and Society**
- 1:30     **Climate Action: Love Globally, Lead Locally**  
Dr. Abi Oluyomi, Baylor College of Medicine  
Ilka Vega, United Women in Faith  
Isa Peterson, Texas Impact  
Bobby Watson, Texas Impact

Monday, continued

3:00            **Legislative Training**

**1—Hill Country A-B**

SD 31, SD 29, SD 28  
HD 86, 82, 88, 87, 77, 72, 71, 84, 68

**2—Hill Country A-B**

SD 6, SD 7, SD 3, SD 11  
HD 144, 133, 126, 130, 133, 150, 126, 8, 9, 11,  
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**3—Pecan**

SD 15, 13, 17, 19, 3, 26, 27  
HD 134, 148, 147, 133, 185, 117, 118, 122, 124,  
125, 32, 38

**4—Elm**

SD 30, 23  
HD 64, 106, 68, 57, 114, 101, 103, 100

**5—Elm**

SD 14  
HD 46, 47, 48, 49, 50

**6—Oak**

SD 16  
HD 108, 102, 103, 112

**7—Sycamore**

SD 5, SD 21, SD 1, SD 2  
HD 20, 12, 52, 14, 45, 48, 1, 102, 112

**8—Hill Country C-D**

SD 12  
HD 24 and 26

**9—Hill Country C-D**

SD 8, SD 9, SD 10, SD 22  
HD 67, 2, 91, 95, 94, 97, 10, 59, 96

**10—Hall behind HC C-D**

SD 24  
HD 10, 136, 53, 54, 55, 19

**11—Lobby by Registration**

SD 25  
HD 19, 121, 73, 45

4:30PM        **Zoom Office Hours**

5:00PM        **In-Person Office Hours**

6:00           **Dinner**

*Blessing: Wendy Campbell, North Texas Conference UWF President*

**Keynote: Regina Banks, Lutheran State Public Policy Office-California**

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## Tuesday, January 31

- 7:00AM Buses depart for the Capitol
- 8:30AM Orientation: Room E2.014, Capitol Extension
- 8:30AM Legislative Visits (Capitol Legislators' Offices)
- 11:00AM Closing Gathering and Sending Forth  
*Benediction: Abby Gutierrez & Frances Curry*

**SEE YOU JANUARY 28-30, 2024 FOR NEXT YEAR'S LEGISLATIVE EVENT!**

### United Women in Faith Texas Legislative Event Committee 2022-2023

Mary Brown	Chair 2023	Texas Conference
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