

## UNITED METHODIST ADVOCACY DAY

Tuesday February 17, 2015 8:45a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

### Being Transformed to Make a Difference in the Halls of Government

**Bishop Julius Tremble** will give the opening address for ADVOCACY DAY—a day set apart to equip both laity and clergy to become effective advocates for those in society whose voices are seldom heard.

**The Legislative Advocacy Team** of the Iowa Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church is hosting the ADVOCACY DAY for United Methodists and others on Tuesday, February 17 at Wesley United Methodist Church, 800 East 12<sup>th</sup> Street, Des Moines, IA 50316.

*ADVOCACY DAY is a day to receive encouragement, to meet the Legislative Advocacy Team, to learn about important legislation, to gain skills to become an effective advocate, and to meet with legislators to practice those skills.*

#### The Schedule for Advocacy Day

8:00 a.m. Legislative Breakfast (optional) Bishop Tremble will meet and greet the legislators along with the Legislative Advocacy Team. (If you wish to attend the breakfast, you are welcome, but please RSVP your intentions. A freewill offering will be received.)

8:45 a.m. Registration for Advocacy Day, Opportunity to visit Resource Tables

9:00 a.m. Introductions

9:05 a.m. Opening Remarks by **Bishop Julius Tremble**, Iowa Conference of United Methodist Church

9:20 a.m. “The Changes in Mental Health Care in Iowa”

**Former Representative Renee Schulte** (R) from Cedar Rapids

9:55 a.m. “Iowa Safe Roads: Temporary Driver's Licenses to Immigrants.”

**Chief of Police Mike Tupper** of Marshalltown, Iowa

10:20 a.m. “Training to Be an Effective Advocate”

**Marty Ryan** of Fawkes-Lee and Ryan in Des Moines, contracted Public Policy Advocate by The Iowa Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church

10:55 a.m. Sending forth to the Capitol to meet with Legislators: We suggest you contact your legislators before you come to arrange to have lunch with them. You may also have time to contact other legislators who are key to passage of important bills.

1:15 p.m. Return to Wesley United Methodist Church for Debriefing, Evaluation and Worship

2:00 p.m. Dismissal

***Isaiah 1:16d-17 . . . cease to do evil, learn to do good; seek justice, rescue the oppressed, defend the orphan, plead for the widow.*** Cost: free will donation and lunch on your own

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Church \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Ph. \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_ Coming for breakfast? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ Number \_\_\_\_\_

Send Registration or questions to: Rev. Brian Carter at [briancar@dwx.com](mailto:briancar@dwx.com) Phone: 515-979-5775 Registrations may be mailed to: Rev. Brian Carter, 7218 El Rancho Ave., Windsor Heights, IA 50324