

2015 NC Council of Churches Legislative Seminar

Tuesday, April 14, 9:15 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

(Check-in begins at 8:30 a.m.)

Greenwood Forest Baptist Church, Cary

PROGRAM

- 8:30 Check-in** (Light breakfast provided by PHW)
- 9:15 Opening Session: Worship** led by the **Rev. Dr. David Forbes**, Dean, Shaw University Divinity School
- 10:00 Workshops – Session 1**
Revenue Shortages, Spending Cuts
Immigration: Neighbors Among Us
Public Higher Education: A Time of Challenges
The Environmental Protection Struggle
Labor and the Workplace: Standing up for Workers
Guidelines for Grassroots Advocacy
- 11:15 Workshops – Session 2**
Revenue Shortages, Spending Cuts (repeated)
Public Education and the Privatizers
The GLBTQ Dimension: Policies at Stake
Crossroads for Voting Rights
Medicaid: The Expansion Debates
Legislative Decisions Affecting NC's Judiciary
- 12:30 Lunch and Awards**
- 1:45 Workshops – Session 3**
Helping Progressives Keep the Faith
Gerrymandering: Consequences and Cures
Our Teachers: Seeking More Respect
The Governor's Role
- 3:00 Closing Session:** Led by the **Rev. Ben Boswell**, Pastor, Greenwood Forest Baptist Church, Cary
- 3:30 Adjourn**

WORKSHOPS AND LEADERS

Revenue Shortages, Spending Cuts. Led by **Tazra Mitchell** and **Cedric Johnson**, Policy Analysts, NC Budget and Tax Center

Immigration: Neighbors Among Us. Led by **Ivan Parra**, Executive Director, NC Latino Coalition, and **Jennie Wilburn**, Program Associate, NC Council of Churches

Public Higher Education: A Time of Challenges. Led by **Kevin FitzGerald**, Senior Vice President and Chief of Staff, University of North Carolina System, and **David Rice**, Executive Director, Higher Education Works

The Environmental Protection Struggle. Led by **Marilynn Marsh-Robinson**, Partnerships and Alliances Manager, Environmental Defense Fund

Labor and Workplace: Standing Up for Workers. Led by **Adam Orlovich**, Campaign Manager, NC AFL-CIO

Guidelines for Grassroots Advocacy. Led by **George Reed**, Executive Director, NC Council of Churches

Public Education and the Privatizers. Led by **Ann McColl**, Attorney, and **Chris Fitzsimon**, Director, Policy Watch

The GLBTQ Dimension: Policies at Stake. Led by **Chris Sgro**, Executive Director, Equality NC

Crossroads for Voting Rights. Led by **Isela Gutiérrez**, Associate Research Director, Democracy NC

Medicaid: The Expansion Debate. Led by **Jonathan Oberlander**, Professor of Social Medicine and Health Policy & Management, UNC School of Medicine and Gillings School of Global Public Health

Legislative Decisions Affecting NC's Judiciary. Led by **Ran Coble**, retired, NC Center for Public Policy Research

Helping Progressives Keep the Faith. Led by the **Rev. Dr. Rodney Sadler**, Associate Professor of Bible, Union Presbyterian Seminary

Gerrymandering: Consequences and Cures. Led by **Jane Pinsky**, Director, NC Coalition for Lobbying and Government Reform

Our Teachers: Seeking More Respect. Led by **Rodney Ellis**, President, NC Association of Educators

The Governor's Role. Led by **Chris Fitzsimon**, Director, NC Policy Watch

The 2015 Legislative Seminar is designed to provide information on critical issues facing the General Assembly and to equip grassroots activists for social justice. All interested persons are invited to attend.

Greenwood Forest Baptist is located at 110 Southeast Maynard Road, Cary.
We are grateful to the clergy and staff at GFBC for graciously hosting this year's Seminar.

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