

MEDIA ADVISORY

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Feb. 23rd Legislative Advocacy Day to focus on South Carolina's children

COLUMBIA – “Coming Together for South Carolina’s Future: Our Children,” will be the theme of the 2011 Legislative Advocacy Day, Wednesday, February 23, co-sponsored by the South Carolina Conference United Methodist Women, League of Women Voters of South Carolina, American Association of University Women of South Carolina, and the South Carolina School Improvement Council.

The day-long event, attracting some 400 registrants, will be held at Epworth Children’s Home, 2900 Millwood Avenue, Columbia, beginning with registrant check-in at 9:00 a.m. In addition to a full slate of speakers and work sessions, participants will have the opportunity to travel to the South Carolina Statehouse to advocate with legislators.

Organizers of the event will hold an 11:00 a.m. press conference in the first floor lobby of the Statehouse to highlight their shared focus on investing in South Carolina’s future by investing in its children. Such investment would include adequate and equitable funding of education beginning in the early years; providing necessary assistance to needy families; protecting vulnerable children; and supporting health care for children.

An overview of the day’s schedule accompanies this advisory.

Legislative Advocacy Day 2011

Coming Together for South Carolina's Future: Our Children

Wednesday, February 23, Epworth Children's Home, Columbia

*Co-Sponsored by the S.C. Conference United Methodist Women,
League of Women Voters of S.C., American Association of University Women of S.C.,
S.C. School Improvement Council*

9:00 Registration and Refreshments

9:45 Welcome and Greetings from Co-Sponsors

Option A: Buses to Statehouse

10:10 Load Buses
11:00 Press Conference in lower lobby
11:20 Tour of Statehouse or
Listening to a Session
12:15 Load buses for return to Epworth
12:30 Buses leave Statehouse

Option B: Workshops at Epworth

10:10-10:45 Vivian Clark-Armstead
HIV/AIDS
10:45-11:00 Break
11:00-11:40 Brenda Kneece
Advocacy 101 Part 1
11:40-11:50 Break
11:50-12:20 Jean Norman
Advocacy 101 Part 2
12:20-12:45 Rev. Ken Nelson
Growing up at Epworth

1:00-2:00 WORKING LUNCH

1:00 Introduction of Speakers

1:10 Blessing

1:20 Announcements and Introduction of Legislators

1:30 "The Changing Face of Childcare in SC" Rev. John Holler
President of Epworth Children's Home

2:00-2:15 BREAK

2:15 "SC Education Funding" Mr. Bob Davis
CFO, Richland School District 2

2:40 "Comprehensive Tax Reform in SC" Dr. Mike Fanning
Exec. Dir., Olde English Consortium

3:10 Co-Sponsors' Closing Remarks

3:30 Sending Forth