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<http://texasimpact.org/members>

Clean Power, Green Jobs: Environmental Lobby Day February 17-18



Join us for "Texas' Energy Future: Clean Power and Green Jobs," a conference and lobby event featuring bestselling author [Van Jones](#).



Celebrate 35 Years of Religious Social Action!

Cake, fellowship, and photos by Alan Pogue

Texas Impact was established in 1973 to provide a voice of religious social concern to Texas legislators. As the 81st Legislature prepares to convene, join us as we

celebrate and look to the future.

We're taking this opportunity to showcase the photographs of one of Texas' great artistic voices for social justice, [Alan Pogue](#), with an exhibit highlighting Texas justice issues of the past 35 years.

Go to <http://texasimpact.org/texasimpactbirthday09> to find out more.

Texas Impact's Birthday Party

First United Methodist Church
1300 Lavaca
Austin, Texas
Monday, January 12, 2009
5:30PM-7:00PM

Worship at the Capitol and Advocacy Camp 2009 Start the legislative session right with Texas Impact

On January 13, join us on the South Steps of the Capitol at 9:30am for a brief interfaith worship service marking the opening day of the legislative session led by Reverend Tim Tutt and Rabbi Steve Folberg.

<http://allianceforcleantexas.org/getactive/lobbydays/registration/>

Interfaith Letter to the New President:

Faith Communities Call for Green Economy Solutions to Climate Change



Join with people of faith across the country in calling on the new Administration for swift and meaningful action on green jobs and clean power to rebuild our economy and avoid catastrophic climate change.

Sign the petition at:
<http://action.theregenerationproject.org>

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Advocacy Camp

At 1:00pm on January 13, come back to First United Methodist Church for the kickoff session of Advocacy Camp 2009. Advocacy Camp is Texas Impact's signature citizen leadership training program.

CPPP's Dick Lavine will provide an update on the state revenue outlook and public school finance, we'll go over priority legislation for Texas Impact and our colleague organizations, and we'll discuss successful citizen advocacy strategies.

More details at <http://texasimpact.org/texasimpactbirthday09>

New for 2009: Lege TV from Texas Impact!
Visit texasimpact.org for video from the Capitol and special features



To watch "The People Behind the Process" go to:
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=w3fTmGLA0BU>

The entire proceedings of the Texas Legislature are viewable on the Capitol website, but you won't see any official videos of the hard-working staff who keep the legislative process moving.

This week, Texas Impact interviews a few staffers about the challenges and rewards of life in the "Pink Building." Stay tuned throughout the session for clips from hearings, key floor speeches and more special features.



UMW Legislative Event **January 25-27, 2009 in Austin**

Register now for Legislative Event! The 21st Annual Texas United Methodist Women's Legislative Event will be one of the best ever, with presentations by United Methodist General Board of Church and Society lobbyists [Cynthia Abrams](#) and [John Hill](#); Harris County political guru [Mustafa Tameez](#); and legislators and policy experts from across the state.

To **Register or find out more about Legislative Event** go to: <http://texasimpact.org/UMW2009>