A Few Things to Expect if This is Your First Trip to PTWA Legislative Impact Day

Register

- Visit www.ptwa.org/legislativeimpactday for background and logistical information and to find a link to register.
- **Register for Legislative Impact Day by Friday, December 21**. We will make your appointments for you – one for each legislator and one appointment for everyone in your district. So you will have three appointments scheduled, hopefully between the hours of 10 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. but maybe as late as 5 p.m.

Prepare Yourself

- Visit www.ptwa.org/legislativeimpactday and find the Homework Checklist.
- Do everything on that list. This will take 30-60 minutes.

Getting There

- PTWA will provide a free bus ride from Spokane again this year, as well as mileage reimbursement for students bringing at least three other people and driving from a Western Washington location. Find information here: www.ptwa.org/legislativeimpactday
- If you drive, you may park near the Capitol Campus or at the Olympia Farmer's Market where you can catch a free bus ride on the Intercity Transit DASH.

Campus map: http://www.des.wa.gov/SiteCollectionDocuments/campus-map.pdf
DASH info: http://www.intercitytransit.com/traveloptions/dash/pages/default.aspx

Mentors for Newcomers

We'll have a mentor station onsite where mentors will be available to go on visits with you.

Outline of the Day's Activities

- 8 a.m. check in at United Churches main lobby; receive a name tag and a packet containing:
  - A copy of the issue briefing paper (or papers, if more discussable issues come up)
  - A copy of the appointment chart (we will send the appointment chart around January 21 – although the times may change after that)
  - A capitol campus map
  - Information about legislative day sponsors
- 9 a.m. briefing in United Churches sanctuary – **don't skip this!**

During the in-person briefing you will hear about:

- The latest news on our bills and negotiations with stakeholders
- Updates on outlook and strategy
- How to answer hard questions
- What appointments have changed (there are usually at least a dozen changes)

Right after the briefing

- Find your district number in the designated spot in the church and meet up with others from your district so you can make a plan for the day.
- Plan who will talk during visits, if possible.
- Pick up personalized packets for your legislators.
- Plan when and where you will meet throughout the day. The church social hall will be our home base and available for you to reassemble or hang out until 3:30 or 4 p.m.

10:30 or 11 a.m.

- Sandwiches delivered.
- Other snacks and beverages available in the church social hall all day.

After Your Visits

- Drop off Legislator Visit Report notes and questions from the visits in the social hall.
- Write group thank you notes and leave them at the thank you note drop off station in the social hall.

Things to do During Down Time

- Hang out in the United Churches social hall.
- Take the free Dash bus to downtown Olympia. http://www.intercitytransit.com/traveloptions/dash/pages/default.aspx
- Walk 1.5 miles around beautiful Capitol Lake. http://www.des.wa.gov/services/facilities/CapitolCampus/Parks/Pages/Trails.aspx
- Walk around the Capitol Campus. Visit monuments and the Washington products gift shop. http://www.des.wa.gov/services/facilities/CapitolCampus/Pages/default.aspx