

FAITHFUL CIVIC ENGAGEMENT



No one congregation or organization can do it all. Rather than trying to do everything, consider where your congregation is today and choose one or two next steps that align with your gifts, your relationships, and your community's needs.

As you plan your congregation's engagement, choose one action from each category below to cultivate faithful civic engagement. Items underlined are hyperlinks to more information.

Develop Understanding

- **Preach** or **teach** on faith and civic responsibility.
- **Host a study or discussion** on why we participate in voting because of our faith.
- **Host an event or small group conversation** on the relationship between voting rights and religious freedom, making a call to action around voting.
- **Facilitate conversations** on people's feelings about voting (consider creating your own deep canvassing scripts).

Equip Your Congregation

- Organize a **voter registration event** with your congregation, small group, or faith community.
- Host a **“check your registration” table or gathering** after a service.
- Help people **check and update their voter registration status** (resources at turbovote.org).
- Share information about **election dates and registration deadlines**. Use service bulletins, announcements, or social media to remind people about important dates.
- **Host a “ballot party”** where participants can learn about local races and ballot initiatives, discuss the issues your local group cares about, and make a plan to vote.

Love the Community

- Host or encourage your leaders or faith community to **host postcard-writing parties** to encourage people to vote.
- Mobilize group members or churches to participate in **phone banks or text banks**.
- Coordinate a **“rides to the polls” ministry**; make faith community vehicles available for get-out-the-vote efforts.
- Recruit leaders in your community and clergy to **serve as poll workers, poll monitors, or poll chaplains** (Access resources and information at turnoutsunday.com).
- **Organize faith leaders to meet with county commissioners**. Call on them to advocate for voting rights and abide by state election laws.