



#VoteFaithfully

“Voting and participation in our government is a way of participating in our common life and that is a Christian obligation.” -Presiding Bishop Michael Curry

What can I do? Simple things:

- VOTE!
- Check that your registration is up-to-date and intact (www.VOTE411.org).
- Make sure people you know – friends, family, coworkers – are registered to vote and that they check their voter registration status and are planning to vote.
 - Call/email/text/write them now, especially the young people and new voters.
 - Remind them to vote when ballots are mailed or on Election Day, Tuesday, Nov. 3.
 - Let them know that it’s easy to find their polling place (if applicable) and learn what will be on their ballot (at websites like www.VOTE411.org).
 - For your contacts in states with polling places, ask about their voting plan for Election Day. Research shows that by asking voters whether they have an Election Day plan (How will they get to the polls? At what time?) you will increase their chances of participating.
 - Share more resources with those who are interested, such as www.rockthevote.org/how-to-vote (and more below).

Our nation is faced with voter registration list purges and voter suppression, polling place changes, old and defective voting machines that do not record votes, and extreme challenges for vulnerable communities...

What more can I do?

- Join a campaign to reach out to inform and mobilize voters in voter-suppression states through an organization such as the Center for Common Ground. Find out more about the urgency to combat voter suppression at: <https://drive.google.com/file/d/15I5AeIKb7ZrBZ0XpkveRfHT-Uz7OCXOK/view> and about action to take at: actionnetwork.org/forms/reclaim-our-vote-signup/.
- Join a letter-writing campaign to underrepresented voters, such as: votefwd.org.
- Use social media! Tweet and post to get the vote out! Share tweets and posts that address voter suppression.
- Check out resources at websites like 866ourvote.org.
- Call and write your legislators to support legislation addressing funding and policies to secure fair elections, with information from organizations such as the League of Women Voters: <https://www.lwv.org/voting-rights/fighting-voter-suppression> or NAACP: <https://www.naacp.org/latest/voters-civil-rights-organizations-take-legal-action-challenging-trump-campaigns-voter-suppression-efforts-pennsylvania/>
- Keep watching our weekly newsletter *Sundays & Beyond* for more information and gatherings to come around getting out the vote.

Interested in joining with others at Saint Mark’s on one of these actions or an idea you have?

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