TURNOUT SUNDAY
LAWYERS AND COLLARS
AFRICAN AMERICAN FAITH-BASED TOOLKIT
VOTING DURING COVID-19

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Dear Friends in Faith:

God’s people have a spiritual mandate to care for our neighbor, and stand up for those whose rights are being violated. During these uncertain times, we are facing a health pandemic, and a racial pandemic where brazen efforts to suppress the rights of African Americans and other vulnerable citizens are spiking daily. This November, you have the power to address racial inequities in systems serving your community through the people you choose and the ballot measures available in your state.

The COVID-19 pandemic is presenting significant challenges to our lives. It is forcing us to make a difficult choice between risking our health with in-person voting or pivoting to a mail system that some do not trust. With so much at stake, and many states’ embarrassing history of voter suppression, continued attempts to suppress votes must stop! We urge you to vote by any means readily available to exercise your constitutionally guaranteed right. Whether you vote by mail or at the polls, the key is to vote! Don’t stay silent and think that things will work themselves out!

To address these challenges, Skinner Leadership Institute, the National African American Clergy Network of denominational and independent church leaders, and our partner Sojourners, are providing this supplemental Turnout Sunday/Lawyers & Collars - Voting During the Age of COVID-19 Faith-Based Toolkit. For additional voting resources check out the original Turnout Sunday/Lawyer & Collars Faith-Based Toolkit found at www.TURNOUTSunday.com.

Turnout Sunday is not a day in the week! It is a movement inspired by the Black church and its allies that works to ensure free, fair, and safe elections for all.

So how will we successfully prepare? We urge the use of this supplemental toolkit, especially if you are concerned about voting during COVID-19. If available in your state, voting by mail also avoids efforts to suppress your vote at the polls and gives you time to track your vote with the election board in your state. We know that many African Americans traditionally participate in “Souls to the Polls” early voting programs, and voting at the polls, and must now navigate how to vote safely this year. The church must be a leader in this work. Our communities are concerned about the impact of the coronavirus, and we want to make sure that you have the information you need to participate safely in upcoming elections, ensuring that we elect the candidates that best represent the interests of our communities, our states, and our nation!

Sincerely,

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KNOW YOUR RIGHTS. Understand what you/your church can legally do in elections.

DO: Publish news stories about campaigns...the congregation must be kept informed as best as possible. Also, discuss candidates position on issues with congregation.

DO: Rent out the faith organization facilities (e.g., kitchens, athletic facilities, community rooms) for political activities...regular rates MUST apply.

DO: Provide rentals of membership lists at regular rates.

DO: Allow candidates to make appearances at the organization’s events/services.

DO: Distribute candidate campaign literature as an individual faith leader.

DO: Distribute candidate surveys and/or voting records of office holders.

DO: Publish political ads; as long as the regular rates are applied.

DO: Use organization’s vehicle to transport people to vote.

DO: Lobby & Campaign for or against legislation as congregation or individual.

DO NOT: Support or oppose the candidates on the congregation’s behalf.

DO NOT: Use the congregation’s funding to give financial contributions of any kind to the candidates/office holders.

DO NOT: Impose your opinions on the congregation.

DO NOT: Publish faith organization editorials that support or oppose candidates.

DO NOT: Publish political ads as a donation.

DO NOT: Display candidate’s literature on organization’s vehicle used to transport people to vote.

DO NOT: Distribute candidate campaign literature as a congregation.

GETTING STARTED | VOTING RESOURCES IN THE AGE OF COVID-19

(Websites with Answers to your Questions)

- Find out If You’re Registered to Vote [www.headcount.org](http://www.headcount.org)
- Locate Your Voting Precinct [www.vote.org](http://www.vote.org)
- Locate Easy Voting Tools [www.voterparticipation.org](http://www.voterparticipation.org)
- If You’re Turned Away At the Polls [https://866ourvote.org/](https://866ourvote.org/) or 1-866-687-8683
- If you want your rights restored - criminal record, [https://campaignlegal.org/restoreyourvote](https://campaignlegal.org/restoreyourvote)
- If you moved [www.headcount.org](http://www.headcount.org)
- If you are in the military [www.fvap.gov](http://www.fvap.gov)
- If you are a student [www.bestcolleges.com/resources/voting-in-college/](http://www.bestcolleges.com/resources/voting-in-college/)
- If you are disabled AARP Policy Book 2019-2020, United States Senate Special Committee on Aging and, [https://www.eac.gov/voters/voting-accessibility](https://www.eac.gov/voters/voting-accessibility)
EDUCATION | WHAT’S AT STAKE?

Why the Black Vote Matters in 2020 | We have a lot to Lose!

- Health Care
- Jobs and the Economy
- Racism and Discrimination
- Education
- Police Accountability
- Criminal Justice Reform
- Women’s Rights
- Affordable Housing
- Voting Rights
- Reducing Crime and Violence
- Common Sense Gun Reform
- Climate Justice

HOW TO VOTE

- Early Voting
  - By State
- Mail-In/Absentee Voting
  - Absentee Ballot Deadlines
  - Request an Absentee Ballot
- In-Person
  - CDC Guidance

WHEN TO VOTE

- Voting & COVID-19

WHERE TO VOTE

- Locate Your Polling Place

WHAT’S ON YOUR BALLOT?

- Candidates
- Issues

Not Voting IS a Vote Against Your Interests and Your Community!
Host a Virtual Voter Registration PARTY!

- **Am I Registered to Vote?**
- **Who Can Register?**
- **When Can I Register?**
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  - In-Person
  - Online
  - By Mail
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- **Voting Rights for Ex-Offenders by State**
- **Where Do I Re-register?**
  - Change of Name
  - Change of Address

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**VOTER REGISTRATION**

Tuesday, November 3, 2020 is Election Day!

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**The 2016 Margin of victory was less than the unregistered Black voter.**

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Source: www.politico.com | Unregistered Black Voters Larger Than 2016 Presidential Margin Of Victory

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**8 Million** Black People are CURRENTLY **NOT** Registered To Vote

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1. **Preach and teach the importance of voting** as a core part of discipleship and advancing justice in your community. Encourage young people (18-29 year-olds) to vote. They are the largest and most diverse group of potential voters in the country, representing 37 percent of the eligible population of voters.

2. **Ensure that all your members are registered to vote.** Before you can vote, you must register. **NOW** is the time to verify your registration!

3. **Encourage all of your members to request an absentee ballot for November.** In response to COVID-19, many states have changed their previous policies to accommodate more voting by mail.

4. **Educate your house of worship** about updated voter identification laws, polling places, dates, and rights. Check out the CDC Guidance.

5. **Protect Voting during COVID-19.** Recruit clergy and church leaders to spend election day at the polls supporting and assisting voters, working alongside lawyers at www.TURNOUTSunday.com.

6. **Know the Facts: Voting by mail does not lead to fraud.** Many analysts believe that mail ballots are essential for holding a safe election amid COVID-19 (and security concerns can easily be addressed). TheHill.com

7. **Know What’s on the Ballot?:** Help your congregation learn the candidates and issues before casting their vote at www.vote411.org and www.headcount.org. Host a virtual church-based workshop on the ballot issues.
VOTER TURNOUT IN THE AGE OF COVID-19

WHAT PASTORS CAN DO TO BOOST VOTER TURNOUT!
The need for physical distancing due to COVID-19 is adding unprecedented challenges to voter mobilization and turnout. Your voice is more important now to urge your state election officials to make voting safer and accessible for more people in November. Mobilizing people to register and/or vote, is going to require different tools now that person-to-person contact is limited. Check out the links below to aid your efforts.

TURNOUT SUNDAY WEBINARS
If you are a pastor/faith leader in one of the following states visit https://www.turnoutsunday.com/events to register to participate in a TURNOUT Sunday webinar.
- Alabama
- Arizona
- Florida
- Georgia
- Michigan
- North Carolina
- Ohio
- Pennsylvania
- Wisconsin

IN-PERSON VOTING
Please review the following CDC guidance if you and/or members of your congregation will be voting in-person at your polling place on Election Day.

VOTERS WITH DISABILITIES
Ensure voters with disabilities can can access and use their voting facilities in the following states:
- Alabama
- Arizona
- Florida
- Georgia
- Michigan
- North Carolina
- Ohio
- Pennsylvania
- Wisconsin
- For all other states click here

CURBSIDE VOTE-BY-MAIL
Check to see if your state has curbside Vote-by-Mail Ballot Drop Boxes and/or Vote-by-Mail Drop-Off Locations:
- Alabama
- Arizona
- Florida
- Georgia
- Michigan
- North Carolina
- Ohio
- Pennsylvania
- Wisconsin
- All other states click here

RESTORE VOTER RIGHTS FOR RETURNING CITIZENS
- Alabama
- Arizona
- Florida
- Georgia
- Michigan
- North Carolina
- Ohio
- Pennsylvania
- Wisconsin
- For all other states, click here

ELECTION PROTECTION
Problems with voting? Call the Lawyers’ Committee Election Protection hotline at 866-OUR-VOTE (866-687-8683).

STAY UP-TO-DATE
Check with your secretary of state for updates and changes to election plans in your state.
VOTER TURNOUT IN THE AGE OF COVID-19

SPREAD THE WORD
Share on social media
Find sample social media messages for Turnout Sunday/Lawyers & Collars Campaign in the full Toolkit here. Share our content with others. Use the following hashtags:
#TurnoutSunday2020, #ProtectTheVote

SHARE A MESSAGE
Share a message or sermon about God’s concern for justice, the poor and the vulnerable to encourage your community and congregations to learn more about TurnOut Sunday and the importance of voting. Find sample sermon scriptures and church announcements in the full Toolkit here.

HOST VIRTUAL TURNOUT SUNDAY
Host a virtual Turnout Sunday service, Sunday November 1, before Election Day. Preach, Teach, Create a Plan, Mobilize, Watch & Pray. Remind congregants that Election Day involves voting for more than the presidency. Important local issues and positions are also at stake, e.g., judgeships, sheriff and school boards.

ORGANIZE VOTER PHONE BANK
Organize a night of phone banking before the election to call the families in your church directory and remind them to vote. Click here for more information.
VOTER PROTECTION and COVID-19

TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR VOTE!

Our faith teaches us that all people are created in God’s image. Protecting the right to vote during the pandemic affirms the divine image and inherent value of all of God’s children. Nothing diminishes the rule of law and our democracy more than voter suppression efforts like mass purges of voter rolls, voter ID laws, cuts to early voting, and systematic disenfranchisement of the most vulnerable.

- Verify that you are registered
- Verify what ID is required & obtain it
- Verify your polling location
- Use easy voting tools (Absentee Ballot, Early Voting)
- Know what’s on the ballot
- Voting problem or call 1-866-OURVOTE (1-866-687-8683)

EQUIP YOURSELF AGAINST DISINFORMATION

As part of the effort to Protect2020, the Cybersecurity Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA) is working with national partners to build resilience to foreign interferences, particularly information activities (e.g., disinformation, misinformation) linked to election security. Here are links to the following resources. Disinformation Stops with You: An infographic with steps on how to lessen the impact of foreign influence operations.

VOTER PROTECTION INFO FOR KEY STATES

- Alabama
- Arizona
- Florida
- Georgia
- Michigan
- North Carolina
- Ohio
- Pennsylvania
- Wisconsin
VOTER PROTECTION and COVID-19

KNOW ELECTION DAY CONTACT INFORMATION BY STATE

Tuesday, November 3, 2020, is Election Day. For Election Day contact information and polling place look up for your state visit https://www.eac.gov/voters/election-day-contact-information.

ELECTION PROTECTION

The national, nonpartisan Election Protection coalition works year-round to ensure that all voters have an equal opportunity to vote and have that vote count. Made up of more than 100 local, state and national partners, Election Protection uses a wide range of tools and activities to protect, advance and defend the right to vote.

- Lawyer’s Committee for Civil Rights Under Law: 866-OUR-VOTE

VOLUNTEER TO BE A POLL WORKER OR POLL MONITOR

Get paid to serve your community this election by applying to be a poll worker at https://www.eac.gov/voters/become-poll-worker or volunteer as poll monitor (pay rate varies by state). Recruit younger poll workers to avoid the extra health risks to older citizens at the polls. Register to be a local poll monitor.
TURNOUT SUNDAY CLERGY PARTICIPATION PLEDGE FORM

Fill out the TURNOUT Sunday Clergy Participation Pledge form [here](#) to stay connected to the latest information and events in your area.

To access additional resources visit:
- [www.TURNOUTSunday.com](http://www.TURNOUTSunday.com)

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I would like to partner with the TURNOUT Sunday Campaign and will commit to do one or more of the following activities:
- I am a clergy leader
- Add me to the TURNOUT Sunday mailing list.
- I am a church-based lawyer
- Participate in Election Day Coverage to provide a moral presence and legal support on election day
- Participate in a TURNOUT Sunday Webinar focused on my state – and receive “Know Your Rights” and “What’s At Stake” training.

2020 actions your local clergy are planning - to educate, register, protect, engage, and turnout those you lead.

Submit

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Dear Friends in Faith:

We are immensely grateful for your support and willingness to help ensure that all voters have an equal opportunity to participate in the political process through the 2020 TURNOUT SUNDAY CAMPAIGN. TURNOUT SUNDAY is not a day in the week! It is the historic and current richness and power of black church culture focused on ensuring free and fair elections in our nation. Millions of people in the United States and billions around the world live their entire lives unable to thrive at a minimal level.

As Christians and American citizens, we have an obligation and moral responsibility to participate in elections to ensure that policies at the local, state and national levels bring us closer to achieving our vision of a world where all people experience compassion, equality and justice. TURNOUT SUNDAY coordinates civic engagement and public policy information sharing among denominational and independent church leaders facilitated through the Skinner Leadership Institute and the National African American Clergy Network (NAACN). This important clergy network has worked together on voter registration, education, protection, engagement and turnout activities and is proud to partner with Sojourners, a recognized authority on faith-based advocacy, and a source of information and inspiration to more than 5 million people of faith across the nation. The National African American Clergy Network partnership with Sojourners through the TURNOUT SUNDAY/Lawyers & Collars project brings together clergy (often in sacred collars), and lawyers to provide a moral and legal presence at polling sites of vulnerable voters. This powerful partnership helps to ensure that every eligible voter has the opportunity to participate in important decisions about their community.

By engaging voters in our broader communities, working across lines of difference, and involving committed allies, we can help ensure that all people have access to the knowledge and tools necessary to show up at the polls.

We hope that this faith-based voter toolkit will empower you as clergy and lay leaders to reach out to your family, friends, colleagues, congregations, and acquaintances to raise awareness and promote activism. The Church must be a leader in this work. We invite you to distribute this toolkit broadly to your network and post it on your social media. The full toolkit, the two-page short version toolkit, and individual pages will be available for downloading by visiting www.skinnerleadership.org.

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INTRODUCTION
This Turnout Sunday African American Faith-Based Voter Toolkit is designed to help clergy and lay leaders educate voters, particularly historically underrepresented voters in key states. While this toolkit is designed primarily for use by National African American Clergy Network (NAACN) of denominational & independent church leaders and Sojourners community partners – any group or individual may utilize this as a resource to assist voters.

SPIRITUAL MANDATE
Beyond any particular political affiliations, God’s people have a spiritual mandate to become the vehicles for blessing struggling families on earth by voting for leaders of high moral excellence who address the needs of poor and vulnerable citizens. Every person is created in the image of God and deserves to have the power to vote their convictions.

“The Lord said to Abram . . . “All the families on earth will be blessed through you.” Genesis 12:3
New Living Translation (NLT)

“Give to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to give to God what belongs to God.” Luke 20:25
New Living Translation (NLT)

“Just as the body is dead without breath, so also faith is dead without good works.” James 2:26
New Living Translation (NLT)
5 KEY POINTS ON WHY ELECTIONS AND BLACK VOTES MATTER!

1. **Demographic Change**  →  **Increased Voter Suppression**

2. Source: Pew Research

**November 3, 2020**

Presidential Election Will Impact Our Lives for Years.

- **2020**
  - National Election
  - 2020 Census

- **2022**
  - Mid-Term Election Reapportionment

- **2024**
  - National Election

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What Can Go WRONG?

WHY ELECTIONS AND BLACK VOTES MATTER!

State & local elections ALSO impact the quality of our communities.

Presidential Power Impacts:
- The nation’s **Values & Direction**
- **Supreme Court** Selections
- Selection of **Lifetime Federal Judges**
- **America’s Image** Worldwide
- **Policies** Shaped Via Executive Orders
- **War Powers**

Decisions of:
- U.S. Congress
- Governor
- State Legislature
- School Board
- District Attorney
- Country Officials
- Sheriff
- Other local offices

**IMPACTS**
- Education Quality
- Police Relations
- Gun Laws
- Quality Health Care
- Affordable Housing
- College Affordable
- 2020 Census
- Criminal Justice Reform
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Source: www.politico.com | Unregistered Black Voters Larger Than 2016 Presidential Margin Of Victory

Young Black People Not Voting
(2x more young people than elderly)
Source: U.S. Census

Voter Disinformation

Can’t Find Voting Precinct
Purged from Voting Rolls

17 million U.S. Voters Purged (2016 - 2018)

Steps
- Registered voters sent direct mail from state
- Voters do not respond
- Assumption voters not at registered address
- Voters right to vote challenged
- Voters removed from voting rolls in violation 1965 Voting Rights Act

Ex-Offender | Military | Disabled | Moved | Student | Voter Suppression

Polling Station Moved
FROM CITY
Church | Public School | Library
Access to Public Transportation

TO SUBURBS
No Access to Public Transportation

Don’t Know Issues on Ballot

Failure to Protect the Vote
1. **Educate Yourself on the Issues**

   - Health Care
   - Criminal Justice Reform
   - Affordable Housing
   - Voting Rights
   - College Affordability
   - Climate Justice

2. **Use of Easy Voting Tools**

   - Early Voting
   - Online Voting
   - Motor Voting
   - Same Day Voter Registration
   - Absentee Ballot

3. **Know What’s On The Ballot**

   - President and Vice President of the United States
   - Member of the U.S. House of Representatives
   - Five members to the D.C. School Board (select two)
   - Two ballot questions:
     - Question 1: Gambling revenue for education?
     - Question 2: Fund for health care?

4. **Study Candidates on the Ballot**

   - Vision (national, local)
   - Core Values
   - Character
   - Past Positions
   - Past Votes on Issues
   - Current Positions
Take Actions To Protect Your Vote
- Verify That You Are Registered
- Verify what ID is Required & Obtain It
- Verify Your Polling Location
- Use Easy Voting Tools - (Absentee Ballot, Online Voting, Early Voting, Motor Voting)
- Know What’s On The Ballot
- Voting problem - Call 1-866-OURVOTE (1-866-687-8683) to report

Know Your Rights?
- If you are turned away at the polls
- If you want your rights restored if criminal record
- If you moved
- If you are in the military
- If you are a student
- If you are disabled
- If you need to vote early

Help Get Out The Vote
- Canvas in your neighborhood door to door
- Join a church voter phone bank
- Take 5 people to the polls
- Make sure your household is registered
- Encourage your young people to vote
- Share voter protection tips
- Share “What’s At Stake” Information
- Help organize a candidates forum

Access Key Voting Resources
- Find out If You’re Registered to Vote www.headcount.org
- Locate Your Voting Precinct www.vote.org
- Locate Easy Voting Tools www.voterparticipation.org
- If You’re Turned Away At the Polls 1-866-OURVOTE.org 1-866-687-8683
- If you want your rights restored - criminal record, www.campaignlegal.org
- If you moved www.headcount.org
- If you are in the military www.fvap.gov
- If you are a student www.brennancenter.org
- If you are disabled www.aarp.org, www.senate.gov
- To register to vote in church www.macucc.org
WHAT CAN GO RIGHT?

Know the Rights for Your Faith-Based Organization AND Leaders

**DO:** Publish news stories about campaigns...the congregation must be kept informed as best as possible. Also, discuss candidates position on issues with congregation.

**DO:** Rent out the faith organization facilities (e.g. kitchens, athletic facilities, community rooms) for political activities...regular rates MUST apply.

**DO:** Provide rentals of membership lists at regular rates.

**DO:** Allow candidates to make appearances at the organization’s events/services.

**DO:** Distribute candidate campaign literature as an individual faith leader.

**DO:** Distribute candidate surveys and/or voting records of office holders.

**DO:** Publish political ads; as long as the regular rates are applied.

**DO:** Use organization’s vehicle to transport people to vote.

**DO:** Lobby & Campaign for or against legislation as congregation or individual.

**DO NOT:** Support or oppose the candidates on the congregation’s behalf.

**DO NOT:** Use the congregation’s funding to give financial contributions of any kind to the candidates/office holders.

**DO NOT:** Impose your opinions on the congregation.

**DO NOT:** Publish faith organization editorials that support or oppose candidates.

**DO NOT:** Publish political ads as a donation.

**DO NOT:** Display candidate’s literature on organization’s vehicle used to Transport people to vote.

**DO NOT:** Distribute candidate campaign literature as a congregation.

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Help Your Church or Organization Prepare

**PREACH** | Sermons on justice and righteousness
**TEACH** | How the issues impact church members
**PLAN** | Volunteers, transportation, voting sites.
**WATCH** | Pastors visit polling sites of your members
**PRAY** | Prayer team - pray for trouble free election
**CONDUCT** | Social Media Campaign encouraging voter turnout
**REGISTER** | Unregistered voters after church every Sunday
**SHARE** | Absentee Ballots with congregation
**POST** | Polling Site location & Changes up to Election Day

**EDUCATE YOURSELF AND CHURCH ON BASIC VOTING FACTS**
Learn what your members need to vote (e.g., ID, polling locations, candidates positions on issues impacting your community; special issues like restoring voting rights, veterans & students voting instructions, early and absentee voting; sample ballot).

**KNOW YOUR RIGHTS**
Understand what you/your church can legally do in elections.

**KNOW WHAT’S AT STAKE**
Issues impacting your community.

**HOST TURNOUT SUNDAY SERVICE**
(Nov. 3rd) Prepare your church to get the vote out.

Become an Election Poll Worker

Poll workers are on the front lines every election day! They help protect the vote to ensure a free and fair election so that every voter in every community has a voice.

Being a poll worker is a great way to take an active role in democracy and a great way to serve your community. To determine the requirements for poll watchers in your state, visit https://www.eac.gov.

Poll Worker Duties Can Include:

- Issue ballots to registered voters
- Register voters
- Assist voters with disabilities
- Monitor the voting equipment
- Explain how to mark the ballot
- Demonstrate how to use the voting equipment
- Counting votes

*Poll workers can make up to $200/day.
Source: U.S. Election Assistance Commission
How Faith Leaders Can Protect the Right to Vote!

A few key steps, every faith leader can take:

1. Make sure all your members are registered to vote.
2. Educate your house of worship about updated voter identification laws, polling places, dates, and rights.
3. Preach and teach the importance of voting as a core part of discipleship and advancing justice in your house of worship.
4. Recruit clergy and church leaders to spend election day at the polls supporting and assisting voters working alongside lawyers.
5. Where possible, churches assist people with transportation to the polls.

A KEY VOTER PROTECTION STRATEGY
“\textit{We Are Watching} Meetings”
With Clergy and State Election Officials

An essential activity of the \textsc{Turnout Sunday/Lawyers & Collars} campaign with the \textsc{National African American Clergy Network} in partnership with \textsc{Sojourners}, focuses on “\textit{We Are Watching}” meetings with the Secretary of State, or state election officials.

The meetings have two purposes.

\textbf{FIRST:} They provide local pastors with exact information on voter identification required to vote; polling locations and changes in polling locations, and how states are protecting the election from the risk of hacking that is being predicted, or other voter suppression tactics.

\textbf{SECOND:} They put state election officials on notice that pastors and the elections protection lawyers with whom they partner, will be watching for free and fair elections so every citizen can exercise the power to vote.
# Voter Registration Deadlines

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| Texas       | April 6 (May 4 General Election)  
April 7 (May 5 General Election)  
April 8 (May 6 General Election)  
October 8 (November 5 General Election)  
October 9 (November 6 General Election)  
October 10 (November 7 General Election) |                             |                           | Postmarked or submitted 30 days before the election.                                            |
| Utah        | None                  |                             | Yes, Click Here           | Postmarked 30 days before the election by mail. Submitted 7 days before election online or in person at county election office. |
| Vermont     | None                  | In-person through Election Day | Yes, Click Here           | Postmarked or submitted 22 days before the election.                                            |
| Virginia    | May 20 (June 7 Primary Election) |                             | Yes, Click Here           | Postmarked or submitted the Monday four weeks before the election by mail or online. Submitted in person on the Monday one week before the election in person. |
| Washington  | July 8, July 29 for In-Person Request (August 6 Primary Election)  
October 7, October 28 for In-Person Request (November 5 General Election) |                             | Yes, Click Here           | Postmarked or submitted 21 days before the election.                                            |
| West Virginia| None                  |                             | Yes, Click Here           | Postmarked or submitted 20 days before the election. In-person by the voter the Friday before the election. On Election Day at your polling place. |
| Wisconsin   | In-person: April 26  
By Mail: April 10 | In-person through Election Day | Yes, Click Here           | Postmarked 20 days before the election. In-person by the voter the Friday before the election. On Election Day at your polling place. |
| Wyoming     | None                  | In-person through Election Day |                           | You may register and vote at the same time — during the absentee voting period or on Election Day. |

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### Estimated African American Unregistered Voters & Population by States

*Source: NAACP*

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Top 10 Things Voters Should Know As They Go to the Polls

1. What forms of identification are accepted at the polls ... Because of new or unfamiliar voter ID laws in some states, new technology that’s not remotely consistent in many jurisdictions from year to year, and the sheer number of voters turning out, we expect more confusion each and every time an election is held. ID requirements vary by state, so check TODAY with your local election office for information on what you’ll need to provide.

2. How to vote if you are a formerly incarcerated person (ex-offender) ... No federal laws exist on felon voting and therefore the legal ability of people with felony convictions to vote varies from state to state. Check with your local elections office to know your rights – especially if you were convicted of a felony and have fully served and completed your sentence and are no longer on probation or parole. In 13 states and the District of Columbia, your voting rights are automatically restored upon release from prison and you can register to vote and exercise that vote.

3. How to vote if English is not your first language ... If you require assistance reading an English ballot and casting your ballot on Election Day, in some districts you have the right to receive voting materials in your own language. Contact your local elections office to find out.

4. How to vote if you are disabled ... Despite HAVA (Help America Vote Act of 2002) reforms, many polling places still aren’t easily accessible to disabled voters or persons with special needs including reading. Contact your local election office for information about accessibility at your polling place and how you will be able to cast your vote.

5. How to vote early ... Does your state have early voting or is it known as “absentee ballots” that can be requested by phone, in person or by mail? Contact your local election office to find out and take advantage.

6. How to cast an absentee ballot ... In a timely fashion, properly complete and send in your absentee ballot application and then submit your absentee ballot before the deadline. Be aware of and meet all deadlines for the absentee application and the absentee ballot itself. Contact your local election office if you need assistance.

7. How to cast your ballot ... Before Election Day, ask your local election office which machine you will be using on Election Day. Familiarize yourself and always ask for assistance if you are unsure how to cast your vote. Poll workers are required to provide you with assistance.

8. When the polls are open ... Polling hours vary by state. Confirm the time with your local election office. Always plan ahead and arrive early with 2 or more voting age persons prepared to vote. Also, if you are in line to vote when the polls close you have the right to cast your vote.

9. Where local polling places are located ... Has it changed since the last time you voted? Have you moved? Polls are generally located in public buildings, with voters assigned to locations based on where they reside. Contact your local election office to find your polling place.

10. Who and what is on the ballot ... Be an informed voter! Know about all the candidates as well as any ballot initiatives.

Source: Reprinted courtesy of Minister Leslie Watson Malachi, Director, African American Ministers Leadership Council (AAMLC), People For the American Way
Sample Social Media Messages

SAMPLE TWITTER POSTS

#TURNOUTSUNDAY2020

- Not voting IS a vote against your own interests. #TurnoutSunday2020
- Bad people are elected by good people who do not vote. #TurnoutSunday2020
- Every person is created in the image of God and deserve to have their vote protected. #TurnoutSunday2020
- Every citizen should have an unrestricted power to vote. #TurnoutSunday2020
- Let’s vote to keep the promise of affordable quality health care for all Americans. #TurnoutSunday2020
- Critical issues like criminal justice reform, voting rights, quality education, and affordable housing Medicare, Social Security, caregiving, and our financial security are all on the line in the next election. #TurnoutSunday2020
- Police shootings of unarmed black and brown people will not end unless you vote. #TurnoutSunday2020
- You have the freedom to vote! Protect it. #TurnoutSunday2020
- African Americans and other Americans of color STILL face oppression and discrimination. Voting says no to discrimination. #TurnoutSunday2020
- It is time we are all treated EQUALLY. Discrimination belongs in HISTORY. #TurnoutSunday2020
- Let’s secure a better future for our youth by voting. #TurnoutSunday2020
- Our vote determines our communities’ future! #TurnoutSunday2020
- No one should serve a second sentence by permanently losing their right to vote! #restoreexfelonvotingrights, #TurnoutSunday2020
- 5.85 million Americans are denied the right to vote because of laws that prohibit voting by people with felony convictions. #TurnoutSunday2020
- Immigrant detention, operated by Homeland Security, cost taxpayers over $2 billion in 2012 alone. #TurnoutSunday2020

SAMPLE FACEBOOK POSTS

- Know the early voting dates for your state. Go to www.iwillvote.com to find out where and when you can vote. #TurnoutSunday2020
- Issues like voting rights, Medicare, Social Security, Medicaid, criminal justice reform, immigration, protection against police brutality, and life sustaining programs for low income citizens will not be protected unless everyone eligible to vote actually votes. #TurnoutSunday2020
- We’ve come a long way since the terror-filled years of the 1960s, but we still have a long way to go since bigotry still raises its ugly head daily. We need to be vigilant to prevent returning to those days when an individual was judged by the color of their skin rather than by their character. #TurnoutSunday2020
Sample Sermon Scriptures

God’s Concern for Justice, the Poor, and the “Least of These"

Psalms 10:17-18 - 17 Lord, You know the hopes of the helpless. Surely you will listen to their cries and comfort them. 18 You will bring justice to the orphans and the oppressed, so people can no longer terrify them. NLT

Psalms 82:3-43 - Enough! You’ve corrupted justice long enough, you’ve let the wicked get away with murder. 4 You’re here to defend the defenseless, to make sure that underdogs get a fair break; your job is to stand up for the powerless, and prosecute all those who exploit them. THE MESSAGE

Proverbs 14:31 - Those who oppress the poor insult their Maker, but helping the poor honors him. NLT

Proverbs 31:9 - Speak up and judge fairly; defend the rights of the poor and needy. NIV

Amos 5: 21, 23, 24 - 21 I hate, I despise your religious festivals; I cannot stand your assemblies...23 Away with the noise of your songs! I will not listen to the music of your harps. 24 But let justice roll on like a river, righteousness like a never-failing stream! NIV

Micah 6:8 - He has shown you, O mortal, what is good. And what does the Lord require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God. NIV

Zechariah 7:9-10 - 9 this is what the LORD Almighty says: ‘Administer true justice; show mercy and compassion to one another. 10 Do not oppress the widow or the fatherless, the alien or the poor. In your hearts do not think evil of each other.’ NIV

Matthew 25:31-46, 41 - 42 For I was hungry and you gave me nothing to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, 43I was a stranger and you did not invite me in, I needed clothes and you did not clothe me, I was sick and in prison and you did not look after me. . . . ‘I tell you the truth, whatever you did not do for one of the least of these, you did not do for me.’ NIV

1 John 3:16-18 - 16 this is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down his life for us. 1 And we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers. 17 If anyone has material possessions and sees his brother in need but has no pity on him, how can the love of God be in him? 18 Dear children, let us not love with words or tongue but with actions and in truth. NIV

Scriptures are taken from New International Version (NIV), New American Standard (NAS), New Living Translation (NLT) and THE MESSAGE
Sample Pulpit Announcement

The prophet Amos reminds us to “let justice roll down like waters and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.” (Amos 5:24)

This year, we will be participating with other churches across the nation in Turnout Sunday Services in preparation for the November 3rd elections. We, as Black Americans, and people of faith simply cannot afford to stay home. In fact, not voting has become increasingly dangerous to the economic and spiritual vitality of our community:

- With voting, we now have over 10,000 Black elected officials and helped to elect the first African American President in the White House.
- With voting, Social Security, Medicare, Medicaid, Lower Prescription Drug Costs, police/community relations, criminal justice reform, Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP/Food Stamps) and other financial stability programs are sustained.
- With voting, we have the power to vote for leaders who will support life-sustaining programs, for underserved Americans.

We ask all members to look out for instructions from our civic engagement coordinator (name/phone/email) as we prepare for one of the important November 2020 Election.

I ask each of you to commit to encouraging 5 family members, friends, and co-workers to vote on Election Day and make sure they get to the polls. If you need to register to vote, or update your registration information, you can do so online at www.voterparticipation.org.

Sample Church Bulletin Announcement

Your right to vote has been bought and paid for in blood and sacrifice!

Exercise your power to protect it by:

1. Registering you and 5 friends, family members and co-workers to vote in the upcoming November Election.
2. Make sure they turn out between now and Election Day.
3. Sign up to join our Civic Engagement Team and Volunteer to help educate and register others to vote.

Contact our Voter Engagement Team Coordinator ______________________ at ___________ (phone number/email) for more information on joining our Voter Engagement Team.
TURNOUT SUNDAY/Lawyers & Collars
Clergy Participation Pledge Form

I would like to partner with the Turnout Sunday Campaign 2020 and will commit to do one or more of the following activities (PLEASE CHECK)

☐ Host a Prayer Breakfast, Brunch, or Rally to inspire and educate local pastors and the community on voting by receiving “Know Your Rights” & “What’s At Stake Training.”

☐ Participate in a Turnout Sunday Webinar focused on my state – and receive “Know Your Rights” and “What’s At Stake?” Training.

☐ Identify at least one lawyer in my church to receive election protection training before the 2020 elections in my state.

☐ Receive clergy training from election protection attorneys on how to provide an effective moral presence at polling sites in my church community in case eligible voters get turned away, or other election day crises take place.

List actions you and pastors in your community are planning for the 2020 elections in your state - to educate, register, protect, engage, and turnout those you lead.

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Pastor’s Name ____________________________________________________________

Church Name ____________________________________________________________

Address _________________________________________________________________

Cell Number for Text Messages & Alerts _____________________________________

Email _________________________________________________________________

Number of Members _______________________________________________________

☐ CLICK to SUBMIT FORM

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Co-Conveners, Dr. Barbara Williams-Skinner, Dr. Otis Moss, Jr., Dr. T. DeWitt Smith, Jr.

Confidentiality of information will be strictly observed.

“We have come this far by faith”
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AFRICAN AMERICAN FAITH-BASED VOTER TOOLKIT

EXTRA RESOURCES AVAILABLE:

Download Turnout Sunday Toolkit and Clergy Resources at www.skinnerleaders.org

Download individual pages of the toolkit or the 2-Page Toolkit Version.

Fill out the Turnout Sunday Clergy Participation Pledge Form at www.skinnerleaders.org.

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