



YOUR HOUSE OF WORSHIP
2026 ELECTION READINESS

VOTER PROTECTION TOOLKIT

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OUR CORE BELIEF



Everyone Created is in The Image of God.

Genesis 1:27



About FUSD

Faiths United to Save Democracy (FUSD) is a **nonpartisan, multi-racial, multi-faith, and multi-generational** voter protection campaign focused in **Arizona, Georgia, Michigan, North Carolina, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Texas, Virginia, and Wisconsin.**



FUSD is rooted in the spiritual mandate that everyone is made in the image of God and deserves the freedom to vote in free, fair, and safe elections.

The FUSD campaign exists to overcome massive assaults on democracy. These attacks make it more difficult for low-income voters, people of color, the elderly, students, and the disabled to exercise their sacred right to vote. The **2026 election** will be a test of our democracy and our faith.

To meet challenges to vulnerable voters at polling locations, FUSD will mobilize **Poll Chaplains (ordained faith leaders, mostly in religious garb) and Peacekeepers (lay leaders)** to provide a calm, moral presence to de-escalate potential conflicts and provide voters with practical voting support. We will also do impactful media/messages to discouraged voters; and work to combat voter subversion.



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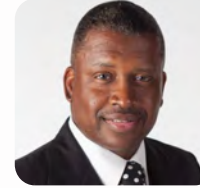
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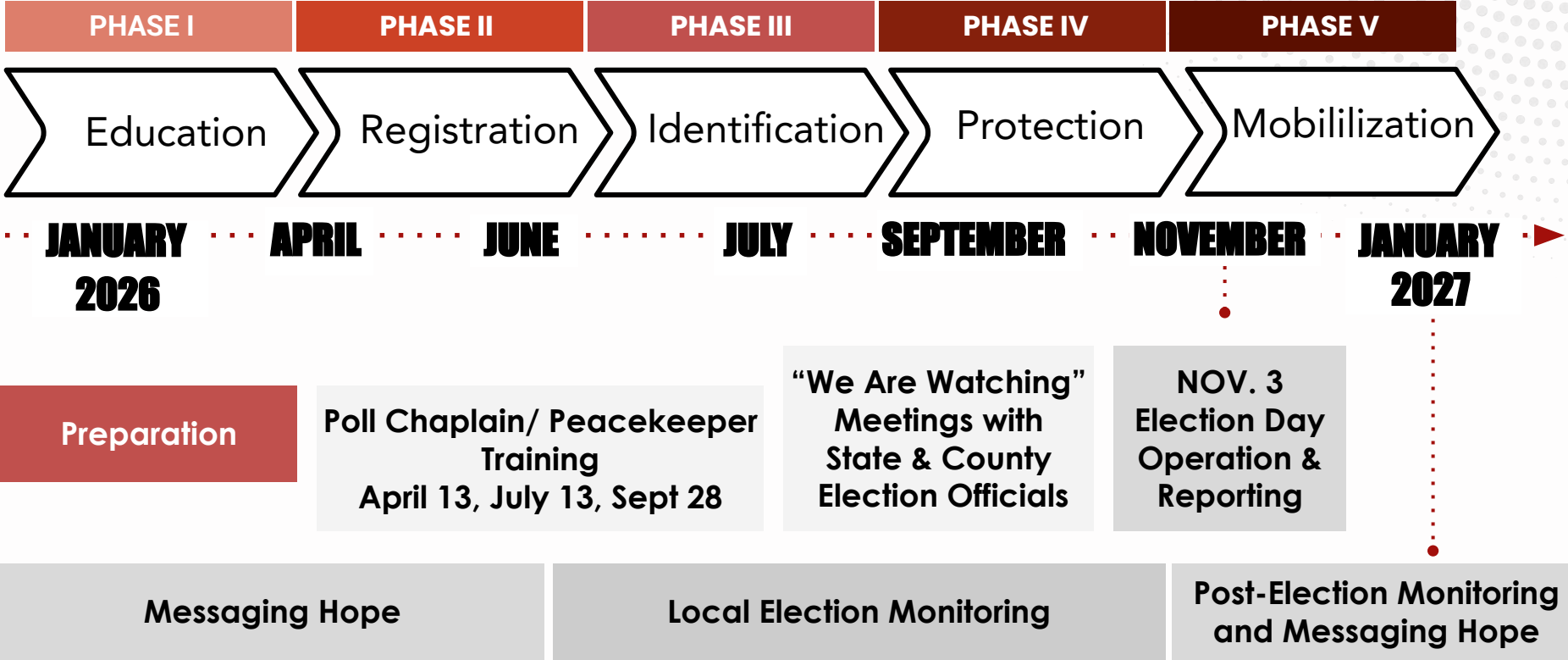


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- A.M.E. Church
- A.M.E./VAlert
- A.M.E. Zion Church
- Black Church PAC
- Carolina Church
- Center on Faith and Justice at Georgetown University
- Church of God in Christ (COGIC)
- Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)
- Christian Methodist Episcopal Church
- Conference of National Black Churches
- Conscience & Justice Council
- Faith and Community Empowerment (FACE/LA) Asian Americans & Pacific Islanders)
- FaithWorks
- Franciscan Action Network
- Fresh Oil Missionary Baptist Church
- Friends Committee on National Legislation (Lobbying with Quakers)
- Friendship-West Baptist Church
- Full Gospel Baptist Church International
- Latino Christian National Network
- Live Free
- Missouri Faith Voices
- NAACP
- National Association of Black Evangelicals
- National African American Clergy Network
- National Baptist Church USA
- National Council of Churches
- National Latino Evangelical Coalition (NALEC)
- NETWORK Advocates for Catholic Social Justice
- Ohio Christian Methodist Episcopal Church
- The Ohio Baptist General Convention
- Religious Action Center of Reform Judaism
- Sojourners
- The Nation's Mosque
- The Samuel DeWitt Proctor Conference
- The United Methodist Church - General Board of Church and Society
- United Church of Christ
- Values Partnerships

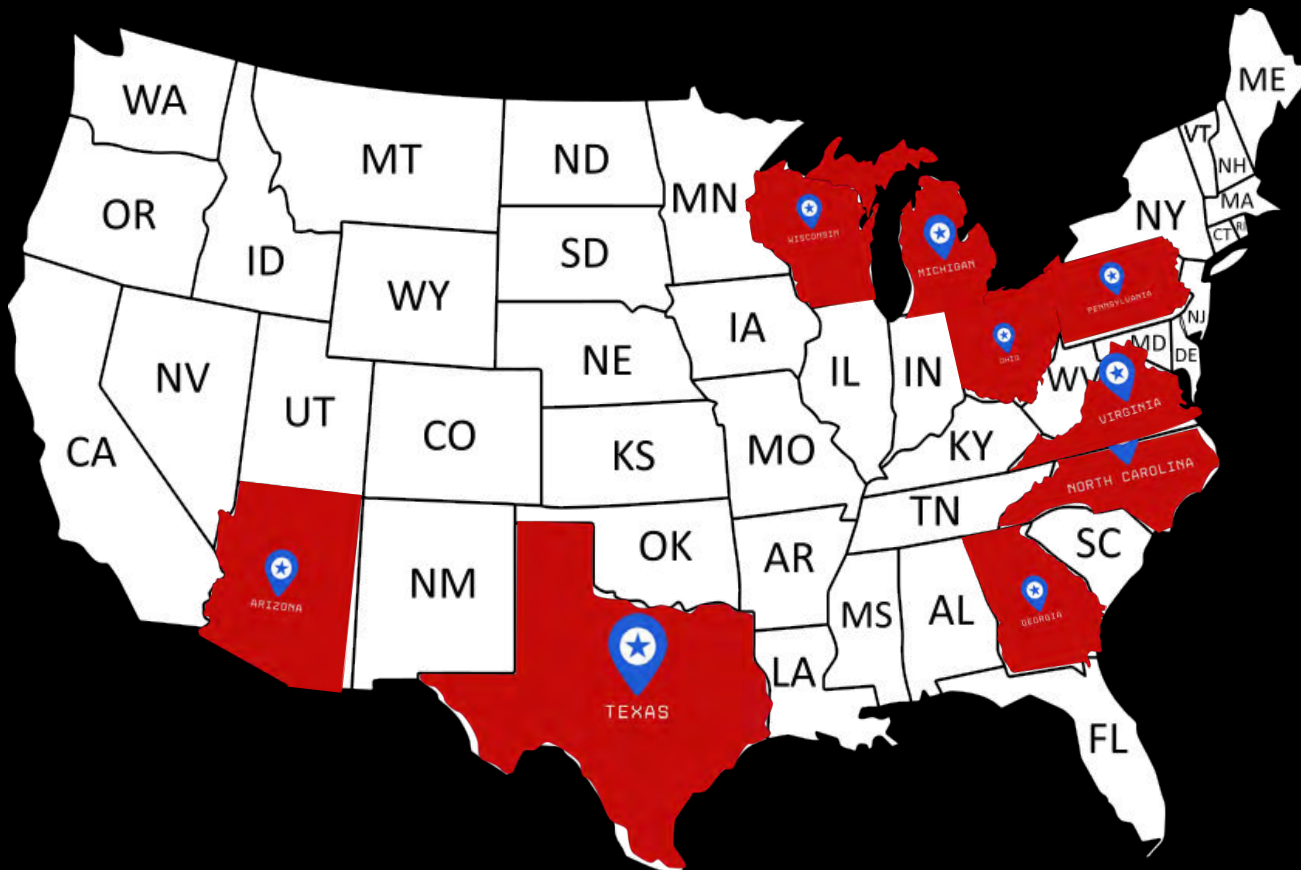
Five Phase Campaign Plan & Timetable



YOUR STATE'S VOTING, ID, AND REGISTRATION LAWS (REGISTER TO VOTE HERE)

CLICK the FUSD Interactive Target States Map **(RED)** or states listed to the left to download Voting, ID, & Registration information. Contact your local Secretary of State or Election Official's Office for updated voting laws in target states or states not listed.

- [Alabama](#)
- [Alaska](#)
- [Arizona](#)
- [Arkansas](#)
- [California](#)
- [Colorado](#)
- [Connecticut](#)
- [Delaware](#)
- [District of Columbia](#)
- [Florida](#)
- [Georgia](#)
- [Hawaii](#)
- [Idaho](#)
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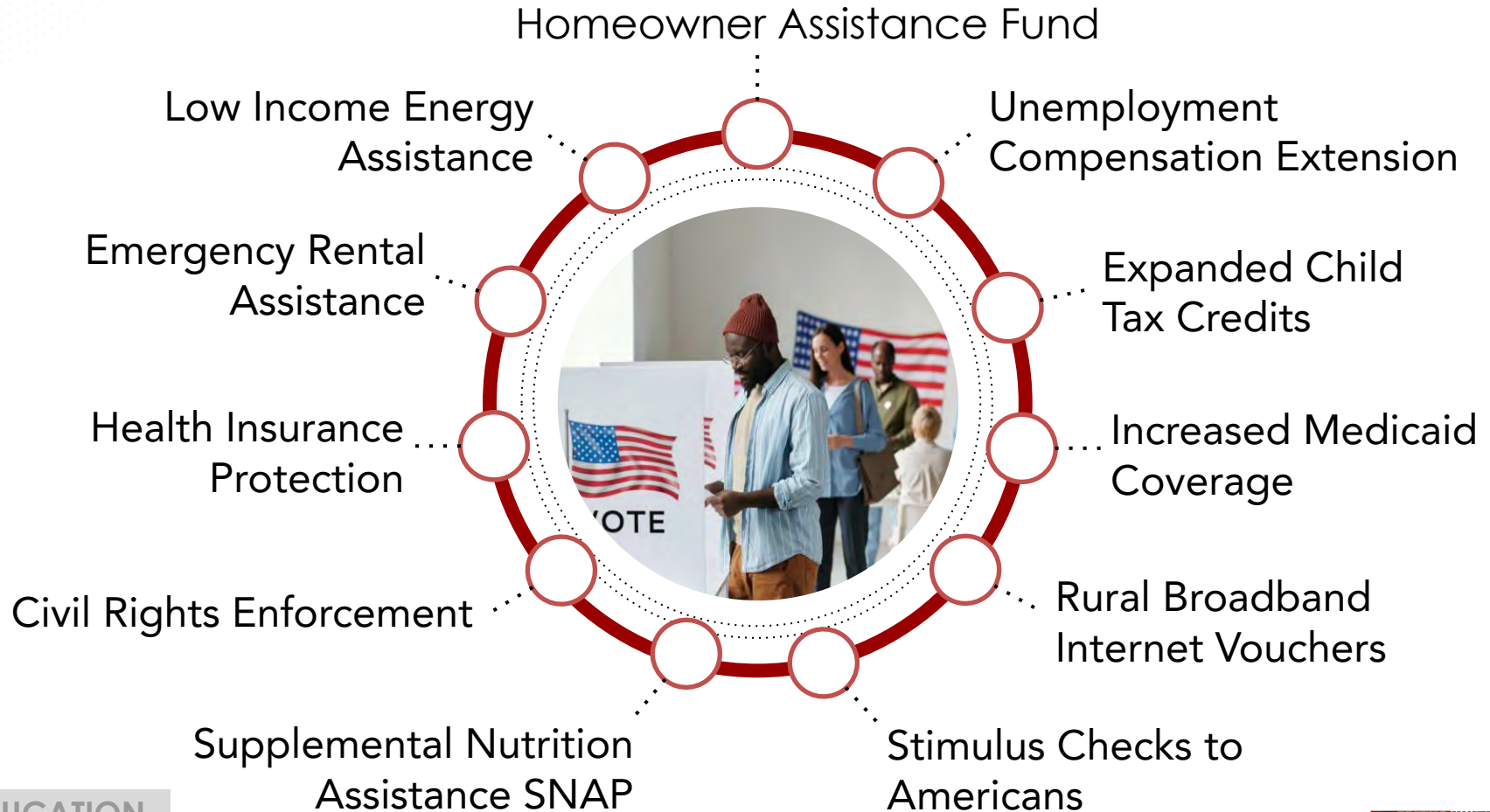
SOURCES: Ballotpedia | National Conference of State Legislatures | U.S. Election Assistance Commission | State Secretary of State election offices | Vote411 | Wikipedia

Red = FUSD Priority States

TEACH: THE SPIRITUAL MANDATE FOR VOTING



TEACH: WHAT VOTING ACHIEVED IN THE 2020 ELECTION



TEACH: WHAT'S AT STAKE IN THE 2026 MIDTERM ELECTION

VOTING RIGHTS
PROTECTION

MEDICAID

IMMIGRATION LAWS
& ICE AGENTS

MIS-INFORMATION

GAS
PRICES

CIVIL RIGHTS
PROTECTIONS

2026 MIDTERM ELECTION ISSUES

PRESCRIPTION
DRUG COSTS

STUDENT
LOANS

RISING ENERGY
PRICES

AFFORDABLE
CHILDCARE

WHITE CHRISTIAN
NATIONALISM

AFFORDABLE
HOUSING

EDUCATION

FAITHS UNITED to
SAVE DEMOCRACY

KNOW HOW TO OVERCOME VOTER OBSTACLES

1

Easy Voting Tools

www.voterparticipation.org

2

Purged Voters

www.headcount.org

3

Find Voting Precinct

www.vote.org

4

Students Voting

<https://www.vote.org/student-voter-guide>

5

Wheelchair

<https://vote.gov/guide-to-voting/disability>

6

Restore Your Rights

(criminal record)

www.restoreyourvote.org

7

Military

www.fvap.gov

8

Language Barrier

<https://www.ncsl.org/elections-and-campaigns/limited-english-proficiency-voters>

**To Report Voting Problem, Call 1-866-OURVOTE
(1-866-687-8683)**

IRS GUIDELINES FOR HOUSES OF WORSHIP POLITICAL ENGAGEMENT

DO

- ✓ Do publish news stories about campaigns. The congregation must be kept informed as best as possible. 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; Apply regular rates.
- ✓ Do use organization's vehicle to transport voters.
- ✓ 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.



DON'T

EDUCATION

VOTER REGISTRATION MATTERS

REPORTED UNREGISTERED VOTER POPULATIONS

BY STATE	
ALABAMA	33.0%
ARIZONA	31.2%
FLORIDA	39.1%
GEORGIA	34.8%
MICHIGAN	29.2%
N. CAROLINA	36.4%
OHIO	24.8%
PENNSYLVANIA	25.9%
TEXAS	37.9%
WISCONSIN	25.3%

BY RACE	
WHITE (alone)	30.9%
BLACK (alone)	35.3%
ASIAN (alone)	54.3%
HISPANIC (of any race)	55.9%

BY AGE	
18 to 24	44.2%
25 to 34	39%
35 to 44	67.8
45 to 64	30.1
65+	24.2

Voter registration represents the first but critical step in exercising your sacred vote. Houses of worship can play a major role in voter registration.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Current Population Survey, November 2020

HOW TO CORRECT PURGING & RE-REGISTER TO VOTE

**FIND OUT
IF YOU'VE
BEEN
PURGED**

- Visit www.vote.org to determine if you are registered to vote.
- Launch **monthly "Check Your Status" drive** for "silent purges."
- Call **1-866-OUR-VOTE (1-866-687-8683)** to verify registration.
- **Restoration Clinics:** Provide on-site registration for purged voters, like formerly incarcerated individuals, or voters who moved, changed names due to marriage, or were inactive voters.
- **Early Outreach:** Finalize all registration pushes at least 60 days before the November Midterm and still have time to vote.



29
million
Americans
lack the
Identification
to vote.

HOW TO SECURE MISSING VOTER IDENTIFICATION

Here's How to Secure Missing Voter IDs

- Visit www.VoteRiders.org. They train volunteers to secure and pay for missing IDs.
- Use the FUSD 50-State Map for your state's voter ID requirements; www.turnoutsunday.com.
- Find Out Who's Missing Required ID: U.S. passport, birth certificate, or state-issued photo ID.
- Establish a Voucher Program: Establish a dedicated fund to pay for missing documents.
- Host Mobile ID Clinics: Partner with local DMV offices to host "ID Sundays," providing transportation and covering fee waivers for seniors and low-income voters.

HOW TO BECOME A POLL CHAPLAIN/PEACEKEEPER



WHO THEY ARE - Poll Chaplains/Peacekeepers are diverse ordained faith leaders, wearing sacred collars, and Lay Leaders provide a calm, moral presence for voters.

WHAT THEY DO

- Learn “Know Your Rights” and De-Escalation methods.
- Utilize a national election protection hotline for support.
- Operate in a “Buddy System” if desired.
- Serve where needed most.
- Complete at least one 2026 training.
- Come from any state to serve in priority states.
- Volunteer 4 hours at an assigned polling site.
- Wear bright red, visible FUSD ID badges.
- Volunteer to serve in early voting and the general election.

Scan Here to
Register
or visit
www.turnoutsunday.com



PROTECTION

HOW TO FIGHT VOTER DISINFORMATION

Use only trusted voting and election sources like your Secretary of State or reliable nonprofit sources like the links suggested below:

- <https://www.commoncause.org/voting-tools/>
- <https://866ourvote.org>
- <https://www.nass.org/can-i-vote>
- <https://naacp.org>
- <https://votolatino.org>
- <https://apiavote.org>



HOW TO DETECT DECEPTIVE AI DISINFORMATION

Websites that offer free or low-cost apps to use:

- [Check by Meedan](#)
- [Logically.ai](#)
- [Sensity.ai](#) (more expensive, can detect AI images)
- [Bot Sentinel](#) (free resources)



HOW TO ENGAGE ICE AGENTS AT POLLING SITES

Current federal law (18 U.S.C. § 592) prohibits armed federal agents at polling places.

Create "Sacred Collar" Buffer: Poll Chaplains and Clergy in collars/stoles and Peacekeepers in large red badges at the allowable perimeter for volunteers, creates a spiritual, psychological, and physical "peace zone" for voters.

Keep Eyes on ICE: Receive Know Your Rights: De-escalation Training in Active Bystander Intervention.

www.turnoutsunday.com

Videotape ICE or federal agents present.

Engage in calm, "listening" dialogue to de-escalate tension without obstructing lawful activity.



HOW TO ENGAGE ICE AGENTS *(continued)*

Nonviolent Intervention Protocol: **The 4 Ds**

1 **DISTRACT - Neutralize intimidation.** Music. Prayer tension. Establish a community-supported space. Stand between agents and the voter in line if state perimeters for volunteers allow close proximity to voters. Provide a calming presence to prevent "fear-based" flight from the polls.

2 **DELEGATE - Contact the 1-866-OUR-VOTE / (1-866-687-8683) Hotline** immediately if agents exceed their authority. Keep this number handy at all times.



HOW TO ENGAGE ICE AGENTS *(continued)*

Nonviolent Intervention Protocol: The 4 Ds

- 3 DOCUMENT** - Record time of interactions, badge numbers, bad behavior, from a safe distance to protect voter privacy and assure accountability.
- 4 DE-ESCALATE** - Use calm, non-confrontational dialogue to reduce voter anxiety. If addressed by ICE agents, state: *"I am a Poll Chaplain and Peacekeeper here to ensure a peaceful environment for the community. Are you aware of the legal boundaries for federal presence at polling sites?"*



HOW TO ENGAGE ICE AGENTS *(continued)*

Nonviolent Intervention Protocol: The 4 Ds

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DE-ESCALATE – No Requirement to Answer Immigration

Questions. Remind voters they have the Right to Remain Silent regarding their citizenship status and are not required to show a foreign ID to vote.

Report Issues: Use the Direct hotline to the Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights Legal Hotline: **(1-866-OUR-VOTE)**. Establish Immediate 1-tap access to the Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights to report any enforcement activity that appears to hinder voters.

HOW TO ENGAGE INFREQUENT OR DISCOURAGED VOTERS



- **Relational Organizing:** Identify and walk infrequent voters in the congregation, through the registration and voting process.
- **Targeted Messaging:** Stop "fear-based" messaging. Tell people what their vote achieves: *High living costs, Affordable Housing, Small Business and Job Stability, Public Safety.*
- **The "Rule of 10" Relationship Map:** Have every leader in your network map out and personally contact 10 "infrequent" voters they know to overcome the Midterm Slump.
- **Digital & Text Blitz:** Send automated reminders of the early voting windows to ensure the voting options stay top-of-mind.

HOW TO INCREASE VOTER TURNOUT (**Boots on the Ground**)

Effective Midterm GOTV requires awareness of relational mobilization.

TAKE ACTION:

- Create a "**Plan to Vote**" **Covenant or Commitment**.
- Have attendees fill out a "**Voter Covenant**" Card during services or community meetings.
- Know that voters with a verbalized plan are 9% more likely to turn out.

Voter Covenant Card

- ☐ I will vote (_____) *Date*
- ☐ I will vote during *(check one)*
 - ☐ Early Voting
 - ☐ Election Day
- ☐ I will get there by _____
(List mode of transportation)
- ☐ I am bringing __ people with me

BOOTS ON THE GROUND FIELD OUTREACH *(continued)*

Souls to the Polls 2.0:

- **Coordinate "Caravans of Care"** | organize daily church van shuttles during the early voting window (Sept.-Oct. 2026).
- **Mobilize "Comfort Crews"** | to provide water, chairs, and shade to voters in historically under-resourced precincts where long lines consistently disenfranchise voters. **NOTE: Check the laws in your state about giving voters food and water.**



BOOTS ON THE GROUND FIELD OUTREACH *(continued)*

The "Check-In" Accountability Loop:

- **The "Day-Before" Text:** Send personalized (non-automated) texts from clergy or known community leaders.
- **The "Social Pressure" Nudge:** Use the "Harvard Follow-Up" technique. Tell voters, *"We'll be checking in after Tuesday to hear about your experience at the polls!"* Knowing that a trusted leader will follow up significantly increases the voter's follow-through.
- **Distribute nonpartisan "Moral Budget" flyers** linking the 2026 Midterm vote to local outcomes, E.G. grocery prices or local policing oversight.



HOW TO PREPARE YOUR HOUSE OF WORSHIP



- **Preach** messages on justice and righteousness.
- **Teach** about ballot issues affecting your members.
- **Ensure** your congregation is fully registered.
- **Pray** from now through Election Day.
- **Post** on social media to encourage voter turnout.
- **Host** a Turnout Sunday Service.
- **Plan** transportation for elderly and disabled members to vote.
- **Post** polling sites and any changes up to Election Day.
- **Visit** your members' polling sites.
- **Adopt** a precinct near your church.
- **Go** door-to-door in your community to encourage voting.

IMPORTANCE OF ENGAGING YOUNGER VOTERS

MOTIVATING FACTORS FOR YOUNGER VOTERS IN THE 2020 ELECTION:

- Racial justice and systemic racism was reported as the top issues.
- 18 – 35 yr old voters are the nation's largest, most diverse voting bloc.
- **53-55%** of registered 18-29 year old voters voted in 2020 (*up 11% from previous general elections*).
- **80%** supported the racial justice movement and the George Floyd protests.
- **1.1M** registered in the first half of June 2020 in the summer of protests.

MOTIVATING FACTORS FOR YOUNGER VOTERS TODAY:

- Economic Insecurity
- Eroding Distrust in Democratic Institutions
- Growing social division
- Systemic racism
- **47%** of voters 18-35 yrs turned out in 2024, only slightly lower than 2020

Source: <https://iop.harvard.edu/youth-poll/51st-edition-fall-2025>



**GEN Z and
Millennials
ARE NOT
Apathetic...**

They want:

- to be **Heard**
- to **Engage** and
- to have a **Seat at the table.**

SAMPLE SOCIAL MEDIA POSTS

**FAITHS UNITED to
SAVE DEMOCRACY**

APRIL 13 | JULY 13 | SEPT 28 — 7 - 8:15 PM

FAITH IN ACTION AT THE POLLS

Become a 2026
Poll Chaplain and Peacekeeper
to protect vulnerable voters at the polls.

TURNOUTSUNDAY.COM
REGISTER TODAY

REGISTRATION IS OPEN

2026 POLL CHAPLAINS & PEACEKEEPERS



#LOVE MY
NEIGHBOR
NO EXCEPTIONS

YOU CAN BE A CALMING AND MORAL PRESENCE
TO VULNERABLE VOTERS AT THE POLLS.

MONDAY 7 PM
04.13.26 | **SIGN UP NOW**
turnoutsunday.com

**FAITHS UNITED to
SAVE DEMOCRACY**

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SAVE DEMOCRACY**

YOU CAN BE A **CALMING & MORAL** PRESENCE TO VULNERABLE VOTERS

Calling ordained and lay leaders
to become 2026 Poll Chaplains
and Peacekeepers. Help ensure
the sacred right to vote for
vulnerable voters.

WITH YOUR HELP WE CAN

- ✓ Protect vulnerable voters at the polls
- ✓ Support voters without ID
- ✓ Restore purged voters
- ✓ Strengthen our democracy

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