Do you want to know how your vote matters?

ELCAvotes webinar presented by Women of the ELCA with ELCA Advocacy

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HOUSEKEEPING

• MUTE: All audience lines are muted.
• RECORDING: Today’s webinar will be made available online and in a follow-up email.
• CHAT BOX: Send questions for panelists through the Chat Box. Be respectful and thoughtful in the words you choose.
• QUESTIONS: Please submit questions for any panelists through the Chat Box. We will respond to questions at designated times.
  • Be welcoming, considerate, and patient. We are all at different places in this work, and everyone has something to offer and learn.
Foundational Agreements

• ASSUME BEST INTENTIONS- We will all assume that anyone who’d take time to be here intends to follow Christ. No need to preface statements.

• THERE WILL BE BIAS- Everyone (EVERYONE!) has a bias. This is not bad. The mere fact of your bias is not offensive. Don’t take offense at others’ bias.

• THE DEVIL DOESN’T NEED AN ADVOCATE- You must own your own unease.

• POLICY ≠ POLITICS- But they do travel in the same circles. It’s not practical to think you’ll engage in one without the other. Just be mindful.
Our presenters

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Government and Civic Engagement in the United States: Discipleship in a Democracy

“ELCA social teaching holds that all residents of the United States have a responsibility to make government function well—not to abandon our democracy but to engage it in a spirit of robust civic duty. For Lutherans, this responsibility is lived out as a calling from God, expressed in the discipleship described in our baptismal promises. It is based on our understanding of how God governs human society." (page 4)

Study guide and leader guide available. ELCA.org/Faith/Faith-and-Society/Social-Messages/Government
CIVIC ENGAGEMENT IN THE ELCA

WITH PRESIDING BISHOP ELIZABETH A. EATON
NEW POST ON ELCA ADVOCACY BLOG

Sifting through Misinformation

BLOGS.ELCA.ORG/ADVOCACY/

Consuming a blip of information may take just a moment, but taking extra moments to clarify that information’s source and intent can help keep us from fanning destructive tendencies that divide us.

Based upon campaign developed by The Episcopal Church
A useful starting place to connect with state-specific information:

- Registration information
- Deadlines
- Vote by mail information
- Polling place locator

vote.gov
Guidelines to minimize the risk of transmitting COVID-19 at the polls can be followed, such as those jointly issued by The Brennan Center and the Infectious Diseases Society of America.

brennancenter.org

"Guidelines for healthy in-person voting"
CALLED TO BE POLITICAL
explores the Christian call and responsibility of civic engagement

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

This updated and refreshed version of our popular resource includes the reflection of four Lutheran women on faith and politics. Additional listings of current voting and advocacy resources are included.
• ELCA.ORG/VOTES
Includes - Bible study: Suffering and Rejoicing, Fact Sheet on Race and Voting, Money in Politics, Voter guidelines & homelessness

• ELCA.ORG/CIVICENGAGEMENT

• BLOGS.ELCA.ORG/ADVOCACY/
Includes - Sifting Through Misinformation, Churches as Polling Places

• SOCIAL MEDIA @ELCAadvocacy

• STATE PUBLIC POLICY OFFICES
Map and list at ELCA.org/resources/advocacy

• and SIGN UP FOR THE ELCA ADVOCACY NETWORK!
ELCA.org/advocacy/signup for updates and Action Alerts
Question & Answer Time
Thank you!