

Do you want to know how your vote matters?

ELCAvotes webinar
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- 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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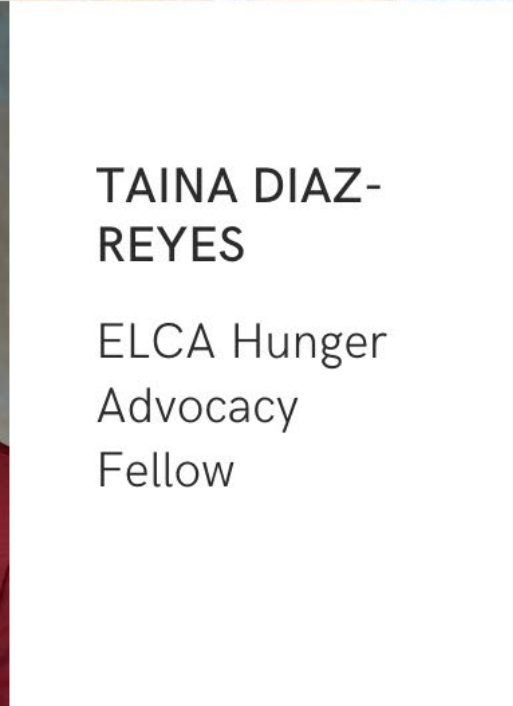
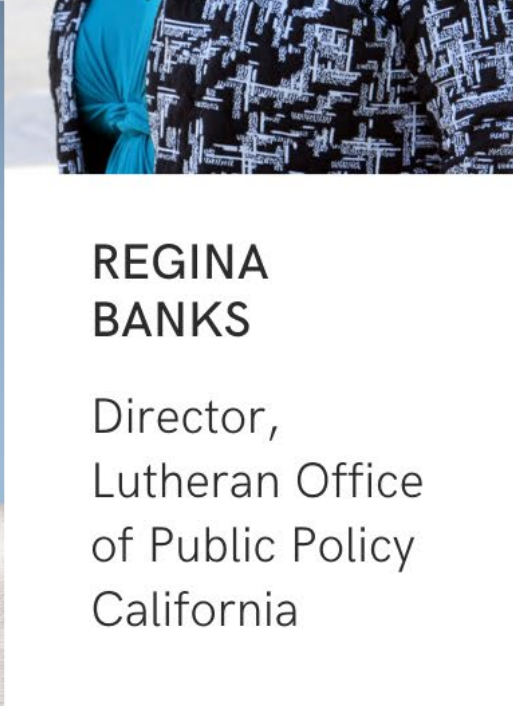
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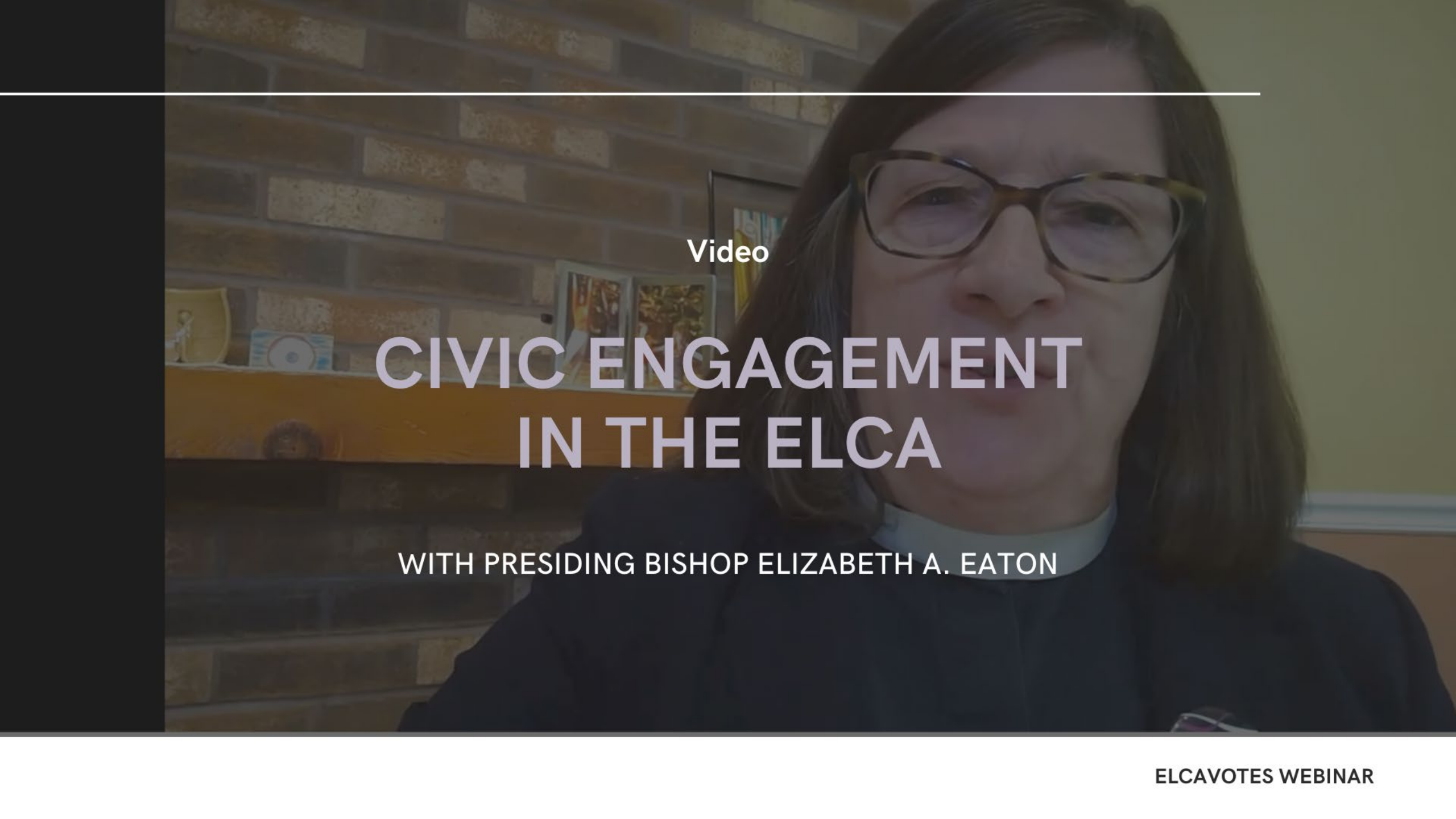
ELCA SOCIAL MESSAGE

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](https://elca.org/Faith/Faith-and-Society/Social-Messages/Government)



A woman with long dark hair and glasses, wearing a dark blue clerical collar, is speaking. She is positioned in front of a brick fireplace mantel. On the mantel, there are several framed pictures and a small figurine. The background is a light-colored wall.

Video

CIVIC ENGAGEMENT IN THE ELCA

WITH PRESIDING BISHOP ELIZABETH A. EATON

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.

NEW POST ON ELCA ADVOCACY BLOG

Sifting through Misinformation

[BLOGS.ELCA.ORG/ADVOCACY/](https://blogs.elca.org/advocacy/)

Based upon campaign developed by
The Episcopal Church

Before you re-share that tweet, or tell a friend about that surprising headline you saw, ask yourself three questions:

1 Where's it from?
Look for the source and be careful of fake copycat websites.



2 What's missing?
Do the headline and article match? Are other news organizations talking about it?



3 How do you feel?
If a headline or article sparks an intense emotion like fear, anger, or vindication, be watchful. That's a common tactic from someone trying to manipulate you, not from someone trying to spread reputable news.





A useful starting place to connect with state-specific information:

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

[vote.gov](https://www.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](https://www.brennancenter.org)

**"Guidelines for healthy
in-person voting"**



CALLED TO BE POLITICAL

explores the Christian call and responsibility of civic engagement

ELCAVOTES WEBINAR

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.

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ADDITIONAL RESOURCES



- [ELCA.ORG/VOTES](https://elca.org/votes)

Includes - Bible study: Suffering and Rejoicing, Fact Sheet on Race and Voting, Money in Politics, Voter guidelines & homelessness

- [ELCA.ORG/CIVICENGAGEMENT](https://elca.org/civicengagement)

Includes - ELCA Civic Engagement Guide, Guidance for Churches and Clergy Participating in the Electoral Process

- [BLOGS.ELCA.ORG/ADVOCACY/](https://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](https://elca.org/resources/advocacy)

- and SIGN UP FOR THE ELCA ADVOCACY NETWORK!

[ELCA.org/advocacy/signup](https://elca.org/advocacy/signup) for updates and Action Alerts

Question & Answer Time

*Thank
you!*

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