TURNOUT SUNDAY
AFRICAN AMERICAN FAITH-BASED VOTER TOOLKIT

2020 ELECTION and BEYOND

A product of the National African American Clergy Network (NAACN) of denominational & independent church leaders in partnership with Sojourners
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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)
KEY POINTS ON WHY ELECTIONS AND BLACK VOTES MATTER!

1. Demographic Change  ➡  Increased Voter Suppression

Source: Pew Research

2. November 3, 2020

Presidential Election Will Impact Our Lives for Years.

2020  ➡  2022  ➡  2024

National Election  ➡  Mid-Term Election Reapportionment  ➡  National Election

2020 Census  ➡  2022  ➡  2024

Source: Pew Research Center
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

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

**EDUCATION**
- Workplace
- Community
- Public Safety

**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 Affordability
- 2020 Census
- Criminal Justice Reform
### 8 Million Black People are CURRENTLY **NOT** Registered To Vote
(Bad Leaders Are Elected By Good People Who Do Not Vote)

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<th>Key States</th>
<th>2016 Victory Margin</th>
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<td>112,911</td>
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<td>211,141</td>
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<td>MICHIGAN</td>
<td>10,704</td>
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<td>NORTH CAROLINA</td>
<td>173,315</td>
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<td>PENNSYLVANIA</td>
<td>44,292</td>
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<td>TEXAS</td>
<td>204,505</td>
<td>2,979,598</td>
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Source: [www.politico.com](http://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
WHAT CAN GO RIGHT?

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
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](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

“*We Are Watching*” Meetings
With Clergy and State Election Officials

An essential activity of the TURNOUT SUNDAY/LAWYERS & COLLARS campaign with the National African American Clergy Network in partnership with Sojourners, focuses on “*We Are Watching*” meetings with the Secretary of State, or state election officials.

The meetings have two purposes.

**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.

**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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<td>May 27</td>
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<td>Hand-delivered by May 24, Postmarked by May 25.</td>
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<td>Alaska</td>
<td>March 3</td>
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<td>Yes, Click Here</td>
<td>Hand-delivered, Online, Email or Fax</td>
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<td>Arizona</td>
<td>October 7</td>
<td></td>
<td>Yes, Click Here</td>
<td>Received 29 days before Election Day.</td>
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<td>Arkansas</td>
<td>None</td>
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<td>Postmarked or submitted 30 days before Election Day. If it falls on a Sunday, 29 days before Election Day.</td>
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<td>California</td>
<td>May 20 — (June 4 Senate Special Election)</td>
<td>In-person through Election Day</td>
<td>Yes, Click Here</td>
<td>If the voter registration deadline has passed, you can still conditionally register to vote and cast a provisional ballot in person at your County Elections Office through Election Day.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Colorado</td>
<td>April 22</td>
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<td>Yes, Click Here</td>
<td>You can register and cast a ballot up through Election Day by appearing in-person at a Voter Service and Polling Center.</td>
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<td>Connecticut</td>
<td>April 30 (May 7 Special Election)</td>
<td>Or in-person on Election Day</td>
<td>Yes, Click Here</td>
<td>Postmarked or submitted 7 days before the election online, mail or in person. On Election Day at designated locations in each city or town.</td>
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<td>Delaware</td>
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<td>Postmarked or submitted by the fourth Saturday before a general or primary election.</td>
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<td>Received 21 days before the election.</td>
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<td>Florida</td>
<td>October 7 (November 5 General Election)</td>
<td>In-person through Election Day</td>
<td>Yes, Click Here</td>
<td>Postmarked or submitted 28 days before Election Day. If you have returned from a deployment outside the US after the deadline you can register until 5 pm, Nov. 2.</td>
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<td>Idaho</td>
<td>October 11</td>
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<td>Postmarked or submitted 25 days before Election Day. On Election Day with proof of residence at your polling place.</td>
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<td>Received 10 days before election. On Election Day at your polling place.</td>
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<td>October 15</td>
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<td>Postmarked or submitted online or in person 21 days before the election if mailed.</td>
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<td>Louisiana</td>
<td>September 12</td>
<td>In-Person Request: September 11 By Mail: September 12 Online: September 21</td>
<td>Yes, Click Here</td>
<td>Received 30 days before Election Day unless that falls on a Sunday, in which case it is 29 days before Election Day.</td>
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<td>Maine</td>
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<td>If mailed or from a registration drive, received by the 21st day before the election. Anytime in-person at your election office and on Election Day at your polling place.</td>
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<td>Maryland</td>
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<td>Or in-person during early voting</td>
<td>Yes, Click Here</td>
<td>Postmarked or submitted 21 days before the election.</td>
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<td>Online: April 22</td>
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<td>Minnesota</td>
<td>July 23 (August 13 Municipal Primary) October 15 (Municipal General)</td>
<td>In-person through Election Day</td>
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<td>Received 21 days before the election. On Election Day at your polling place.</td>
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<td>Mississippi</td>
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<td>Postmarked or submitted by the 5th Saturday before Election Day.</td>
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<td>Missouri</td>
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<td>Nebraska</td>
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<td>Postmarked the third Friday before the election by mail. Received in person from voter at local election office the second Friday before the election.</td>
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<td>31 days before Election Day by mail. 21 days if online or in-person.</td>
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<td>New Hampshire</td>
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<td>In-person through Election Day</td>
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<td>New Jersey</td>
<td>May 14</td>
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<td>New Mexico</td>
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<td>Postmarked or submitted 28 days before the election. In person any time after mail deadline and on Election Day at sites designated by your county election office.</td>
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<td>New York</td>
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<td>Postmarked 25 days and received 20 days before the election. Submitted in-person 25 days before the election.</td>
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<td>April 5 (April 30 Special Primary Election) April 19 (May 14 New Primary Election) June 14 (July 8 Special Election) August 16 (September 10 Special Election)</td>
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<td>North Dakota does not have voter registration.</td>
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<td>Ohio</td>
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<td>Pennsylvania</td>
<td>March 4 (April 2 Special Election) April 22 (May 21 Special Election)</td>
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<td>March 25</td>
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<td>Texas</td>
<td>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)</td>
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<td>Vermont</td>
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<td>In-person through Election Day</td>
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<td>Virginia</td>
<td>May 20 (June 7 Primary Election)</td>
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<td>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.</td>
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<td>Washington</td>
<td>July 8, July 29 for In-Person Request (August 6 Primary Election) October 7, October 28 for In-Person Request (November 5 General Election)</td>
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## Estimated African American Unregistered Voters & Population by States

*Source: NAACP*

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Voter Protection & Civic Engagement Tools

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 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 82:3-4** - 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]

For Follow up Contact:
National African American Clergy Network (NAACN)
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”
TURNOUT SUNDAY
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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