

FAITH IN TEXAS



TOGETHER WE VOTE

This fall, we're having 10,000 sacred conversations about voting in North Texas!

Join us! TOGETHER WE VOTE congregations make a plan and build a team to achieve 100% voting among eligible citizens in your congregation. You also turn out your members to a Faith in Texas community canvass in September and October.

What You'll Do to Achieve 100% Voting:

Now-July 30: Make your Plan, Build Your Team!

- Bring your whole team to a TOGETHER WE VOTE workshop or office hours to make your plan.
- Consult with your Clergy and Board.
- Get your team trained as deputy voter registrars.

August: Back to School Voter Registration Drive!

- Hold a "Back to School" Voter Registration Drive in your Congregation! (Suggested dates: August 13-14)
- Bring two people from your team to a Data Training: Thursday, August 25th at 7pm.
- If you submit your congregation's membership list, we can help you identify members who rarely vote or are un-registered.
- Hold sacred conversations about voting with your faith community, family, and friends who rarely vote. Hold one-on-one visits and house parties to ask people to pledge to vote.
- Send your team to the first community canvass in Plano on Saturday, August 27th, 9am-1pm (IACC)

September-October 11th: Pledge to Vote with your Faith Community!

- During worship, invite congregants to make a formal Pledge to Vote. Enter pledge cards into database.
- Make your last push to register voters before October 11th deadline!
- Participate in at least one Faith in Texas canvass.
- Preach and teach a theology of voting!

October 12th-November 8th: Bring in the Harvest!

- October 24-November 4th is Early Voting! Phone bank and canvass your members and neighbors to Get Out the Vote! Provide rides to the polls.
- "Souls to the Polls" Sabbath Weekend is Saturday October 29th--Sunday October 30th: Encourage your faith community to go direct from worship to early voting!
- November 8th: Election Day! Phone bank and provide rides to the polls!

Any congregation can participate in Together We Vote. If your congregation isn't a Faith in Texas partner, we encourage a voluntary gift to cover the cost of training and materials. We're raising \$30,000 for this effort. Your gift of \$2,500 supports a Together We Vote team in one congregation! To support our voting campaign with a gift, or for more information, contact Executive Director Dr. Lydia Bean at lbean@faithintx.org. Make a gift online at www.FaithinTX.org/donate

Set Your Congregation's Goal for Sacred Conversations

SAMPLE PLAN FOR 100% VOTING CONGREGATIONS

If a congregation follows this sample plan, they will have 805 conversations.

100% VOTING CONGREGATION CONVERSATION PLAN:

150 Pledge Card Contacts: 150 signed congregation pledge cards filled out in worship, or 10% of congregation for larger congregations.

25 Congregation Voter Registrations: 25 registrations using congregation list matched to voter file.

150 Sacred Congregation Conversations: 75 conversations + 75 personal message postcards

- 5 congregation leaders make a list of 15 people whom they do not talk to about politics. They commit to either an in-person or phone conversation with each person on their list about the importance of this election and voting. Shortly before the election, leaders send a postcard with a personal message to each of the voters on their list.

480 Sacred Community Conversations

- Turn out 15 leaders to two Faith in Texas canvasses, filling a total of 30 canvass shifts. Leads to 240 conversations at people's front door.
- Turn out 15 leaders to two Faith in Texas phone banks, filling 30 phone bank shifts. Leads to 360 phone conversations.

YOUR PLAN FOR YOUR 100% VOTING CONGREGATION

_____ **Leaders on your "Together We Vote" Team:** Make a list of 10-20 people in your congregation who care about voting, and ask them face-to-face to work together to achieve 100% voting in your congregation.

_____ **Pledge Card Contacts:** Estimate at least 10% for a larger congregation. ____ signed congregation pledge cards in worship

_____ **Congregation Voter Registrations:** using a congregation list matched to the voter file.

_____ **Sacred Congregation Conversations:** 75 conversations + 75 personal message postcards

- ____ congregation leaders make a list of ____ people whom they do not talk to about politics. They commit to either an in-person or phone conversation with each person on their list about the importance of this election and voting. Or they organize a house party to support these conversations in a group setting. Shortly before the election, leaders send a postcard with a personal message to each of the voters on their list.

_____ **480 Sacred Community Conversations**

- Turn out ____ leaders to two Faith in Texas canvasses, filling a total of ____ canvass shifts. Leads to ____ (multiple shifts x 8) conversations at people's front door.
- Turn out ____ leaders to two Faith in Texas phone banks, filling ____ phone bank shifts. Leads to ____ (shifts x 12) phone conversations.

_____ **Our Total Number of Sacred Conversations about Voting!**