

September 24, 2024

Dear Friend,

Please find below links to key activities happening within the [Georgia Faith Forward Democracy Network](#).

We've had a great couple of weeks, with working group meetings, media training, and a visit to Fulton County Elections HQ, among other things. You can still sign up for working groups if you fill out [this three minute survey](#). If you would like to receive social media messaging throughout the election period, please let us know [HERE](#)!

### **HIGHLIGHTS**

#### **Key Election Dates:**

- [Register to vote](#) by **October 7th**
- Check that your voter registration is accurate at the Secretary of State's website [here](#).
- You can [request your absentee ballot now](#). The deadline to make a request is October 25th, but it is recommended that you make the request earlier. Request your absentee ballot [here](#).
- [Key GA Election Dates and Resources](#)

**Please see below** for DETAILS on how to prepare for the DAYS OF PRAYER on October 18th - 20th and how to register for the SERVICE OF PRAYER on October 17th.

**How are we doing?** Your feedback is essential to grow our work. Please fill out this brief anonymous [survey](#)! Thank you!

**[FILL OUT THE SURVEY HERE](#)**

### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

#### ***September 24, and October 8: Faith in Public Life Peacemaker Trainings and Labs***

As we approach the 2024 election cycle, Faith in Public Life (FPL) are preparing grass-tops faith and community leaders to act as Peacemakers, focusing on preserving peace and ensuring safe and fair elections from early voting until inauguration day. To sign up for the trainings and labs designed to equip faith leaders to address political violence mis/disinformation, and peacemaking efforts please sign up [here](#).

***September 26, 2024, 1:00 - 2:00 pm: Self-Care & Conflict Resolution: Webinar***

Join Dr. Lidia Martinez for an inspiring webinar on mastering conflict resolution. Learn how to bridge the political divide and cultivate healthier communication, personally, professionally and politically--transforming the way we connect in these critical times. [You can register for the webinar here.](#)

***September 30th: Poll Chaplain and Peacekeeper Training for Ordained and Lay Leaders***

Several partners are coordinating recruitment, training, and deployment of poll chaplains and peacekeepers for the upcoming election with Faiths United to Save Democracy. FUSD is offering Poll Chaplain and Peacekeeper training on Monday, September 30th. Sign up at <https://www.turnoutsunday.com/> (click "Poll Chaplain").

***October 2nd, 10:00 am - 12:00 pm: Intervention and De-escalation Training by DC Peace Team***

Learn from experts how to assess harmful and inappropriate behavior, recognize when you are a bystander, and take appropriate action in tense situations. Learn more [here](#) and register for the virtual training [here](#).

***October 10th, 10:00 - 12:30 pm: How Faith-Based Leaders Can Contribute to Depolarization and Civil Civic Discourse Webinar***

Join us for a multifaith discussion about how faith-based groups and leaders foster dialogue, promote understanding, and address some of the most challenging issues society faces today. The discussion features a diverse panel of experts: Rev. Dr. Gary Mason, a Methodist minister and founder of Rethinking Conflict; Beryl Levinger, CFO of Root Change; Rev. Caleb Campbell, Pastor; Lisa Lorenzo, Senior Advisor at Sunshine 100; and Rev. Brian Tillman, Director of Inclusion and Advocacy. To learn more and register for the event, click [here](#)!

***HOLD THE DATE: October 17th, 6:30 - 8:30 pm Service of Prayer for Our Nation***

In February 2024, Faith Forward Democracy was joined by senior faith leaders for a multi-faith evening of prayer and guidance to help heal our nation. As a focal point for the Days of Prayer initiative, we will be reprising this powerful event in October. You can register for the event [here](#) or by scanning the QR code below.



## A Service of Prayer for Our Nation

*Disagreeing in Good Faith*

How can people of faith uplift our shared values and humanity and guide us to disagree better in these challenging times?

Join senior faith leaders from Georgia for a multi-faith assembly to help us all prepare for the election ahead and the healing that must follow.

Oct. 17th 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm EST

The Carter Center  
Cecil B. Day Chapel



For details and registration

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**HOLD THE DATES:** *October 18th - 20th: Days of Prayer for Our Nation*

Last November, twelve months before the election, we asked faith leaders to reflect on [a prayer for our democratic republic](#) to help unite communities and ensure a peaceful election period for all. We will be repeating this effort this October with the intent of reaching as many congregations as possible. More details can be found by scanning the QR code below or visiting <https://georgiadrmn.org/dop/>



## Days of Prayer for the Health of our Democracy

Oct. 18th - 20th, 2024

*How can we use our places of worship to disagree in good faith?*

Two weeks before the election, we invite Georgia faith leaders to lead their congregations in prayer for the health of our democratic republic. Through our common values in prayer, we will uplift our shared humanity and begin to heal as a nation.

Please share this with other leaders.

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For more information, including a sample prayer, please scan the QR code.

**November 15, 2024: Finding Peace of Mind Through Brain Science & Spiritual Practices: A Faith-Based Symposium**

This day-long conference for faith leaders and interested lay leaders will educate and help you initiate, expand, and enhance a mental health initiative at your place of faith. The event is co-sponsored by [One Lamb Initiative](#) and Peachtree Road United Methodist Church. For more information, email [info@1lamb.org](mailto:info@1lamb.org) or call 404-240-8278 or [register here](#).

**SELECT RESOURCES AND RECENT EVENTS**

For recent events see the [Faith Forward Democracy Events Page](#), including recent newsletters. You can find a wide variety of resources for faith communities on the [Resource Page](#).

[Sign up to be a Poll Worker](#): The non-partisan [Georgia Democracy Taskforce](#) is an extension of the American Bar Association's Taskforce for American Democracy. Their website provides election and legal resources, including information on how to sign up to be a poll worker.

[Department of Homeland Security Center for Faith-Based and Neighborhood Partnerships](#)

[The 2024 Election Season Toolkit](#): Sign up to discover resources, tools, and practices to navigate the unique challenges of election season for your congregation in an email toolkit.

Again, if you want to learn more about joining the Faith Forward Democracy working groups, please [FILL OUT THIS SURVEY](#)

To share your feedback on the GA Democracy Resilience Network's Activities:

[SHARE FEEDBACK](#)

Sincerely,

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[The Georgia Faith Forward Democracy Network](#) is a multifaith, nonpartisan network of faith leaders who are united by our concern for our increasingly divided country and the impact those divisions have on our communities, families, and democracy. Our goal is to network information and best practices to maximize actions in support of our shared values of peace, irrespective of our faith or political views. A short-term goal is to ensure a peaceful, secure, and accessible election process in Georgia. [Georgia Faith Forward Democracy Network](#) is a part of the [Georgia Democracy Resilience Network](#), which is supported by [The Carter Center](#). Please contact us via the website or at [drninfo@cartercenter.org](mailto:drninfo@cartercenter.org).