Put Your Faith and Values into Action

Activities and Events for September 2022, #3

Our Massachusetts Primary Election has been held and the voters have decided who will be proceeding to the General Election, which is 2 months away. Our work continues to be so important for the next several weeks. Here's some things you can do NOW to increase voter participation, help fight voter suppression and systemic racism, and be ready to vote yourself.

BE READY FOR THE MIDTERM ELECTION ON NOV. 8

- For all details about voting in Massachusetts? Go to: https://www.sec.state.ma.us/ele/
    - Suggestion: request a mail-in ballot so you have one to review ahead of time and use if you will be unable to vote in person
    - Make a plan to educate yourself about the candidates and referendums on the ballot

JOIN UUCW AND USNF (UNITARIAN SOCIETY OF NORTHAMPTON AND FLORENCE) FOR A PHONEBANK

- *Join us: October 6, 6:30-8:00 PM*
- We will be making calls using Center for Common Ground's platform and database
- Calling Black voters with information on voting in Georgia
- Fight voter suppression and protect democracy
- Assistance with zoom and training on phonebanking will be provided
- Sign up here or contact me for the zoom link.

JOIN US FOR GOOD TROUBLE SUNDAYS

- Join the Get Out the Vote Team to make some Good Trouble beginning October 2nd during coffee hour
- We'll have opportunities for you to help with postcards, letter writing, learn about voter registration and the ballot referendums.
- Let's all put our faith into action

ONGOING NON-PARTISAN ACTIVITIES TO GET OUT THE VOTE!

Phonebanking with Center for Common Ground/Reclaim Our Vote.

- Make calls to Virginia for their early voting days in advance of the November midterm election.
    - Call *infrequent Black voters* and let them know HOW to vote….NOT WHO to vote for.
    - Fight voter suppression
    - Find everything you need here to make calls on your own or join a guided phonebank with a trainer.
        - Sign up at https://www.centerforcommonground.org/phonebanks, scroll to the bottom

Texting with Center for Common Ground/Reclaim Our Vote

- Texting campaigns are being launched for several states 10 days before their voting begins for the Midterms.
- Go to https://www.centerforcommonground.org/texting and choose which state you'd like to send text messages.

Help send Postcards

- We have 500 postcards to send to Georgia to help get Black voters ready to vote early in the November election.
- Some hand printing required: Write the address and a script, plus attach a label with the voting instructions.
- Contact me or Vicki Cox-Lanyon directly or via GOtV@uucworcester.org to let us know you can help.
- Sponsor or join a postcard party–invite your friends or **join UUCW during coffee hour on 10/2/22**

Make local calls in Massachusetts

- Help pass the **Fair Share Amendment**, a binding referendum on the November ballot in Massachusetts

- Call infrequent voters and encourage to participate in the November elections
- Make a difference in our neck of the woods
- Join the Mass. Voter Table on Wednesdays from 12-3 for phonebanks by zoom. Sign up at https://actionnetwork.org/campaigns/2022-mvt-phone-banks,
- For more info, go to www.fairsharema.org

Write letters with Vote Forward

- **Join members of UUCW for a letter writing event** during coffee hour on October 9th.
- For information on letter writing, go to their webpage: http://www.voteforward.org
- You'll find templates and instructions for letters to write at home in advance of the midterm elections on their website. The template provides a space for you to write a personal message about why you vote.
- To stay non-partisan, choose a Social Campaign and which state you want to write to.
- **Letters will be sent out October 29**. You can download 5 or more at a time and chip away at them. Then download some more.
- You don't write the entire letter…just a sentence or two about why you vote and the name and address on the envelope.

Join an event with UU the Vote….Skill ups on 3rd Sundays, Community of Praxis, Squad meetings and more

- Go to uuthevote.org/events for upcoming activities and events
- Check out JaZahn Hick's challenge to become a Good Trouble Congregation https://www.uuthevote.org/become-a-good-trouble-congregation/

What are you willing and able to do to help us become a Good Trouble Congregation?

- With 145 members,we need a commitment for 20%--29 people from UUCW to be involved in some way
- 2900 postcards **or** letters
- 2900 phone calls/texts/door knocks
- 2 congregants working polls, poll observer or line warmer
- Assist 290 people with their voter registration

Our democracy is under attack. We can protect our country and our values by taking action together with love, not hate.

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