

Make this world a better place for all, one voter at a time!
Here's how:

- Strategize for engaging folks to vote in upcoming elections and fighting voter suppression.
 - Support efforts of national and local, non-partisan organizations to increase voter participation particularly among BIPOC communities.
 - Work to reach goals set by UUA to be a Good Trouble Congregation—listed at the end
 - If you take some actions on your own, please keep track and report your activity to gotv@uucworchester.org and Thank you!
- Educate ourselves on local, state and national legislation.

Center for Common Ground and the Reclaim Our Vote campaign

- Join C4CG phone banks with support and training on zoom; calls can *also* be made on your own time using their platform. Choose where you want to call from a number of battleground states with a high percentage of Black voters. States will be added as we get closer to the Nov. 5th General Election
 - **Go to** <https://www.centerforcommonground.org/phonebanks>
- Educational forums are held regularly on Thursdays at 8 PM
 - A special program was held last month, "Project 2025: Voter Suppression on Steroids" co-sponsored with the National Women's Political Caucus of Virginia (NWPC-VA).
 - [Here is the link to the recording.](#)
- All Information is available at <https://www.centerforcommonground.org/>

Vote Forward

- There is still time for you to send letters with a personal message about why you vote or why you care about a particular social issue to infrequent and low-propensity voters.
- Templates are provided with names, addresses, and voting information specific to that state.
 - You can download and print a **batch of 5 or 20 names**
 - Print out a small batch, pack and take them with you when you're waiting for your child to get out of school or a sports practice or at a doctor's office.
 - With your help during coffee hours and taking home small batches, we have exceeded our goal!
 - **Letters are expected to be mailed to the voters between NOW and October 14th.**
- Information available at <https://votefwd.org/>

VoteRiders

- Educate voters in states with new and restrictive voter ID requirements to prepare to vote.
- Offering texting and letter-writing with training during webinars offered periodically.
- Go to <https://www.voteriders.org/volunteer/> for more information

Get involved with Worcester Congregations for Climate & Environmental Justice

- Join representatives from local congregations to take action fighting climate change.
- Contact Mara Pentlarge for more information (email: mara dot pentlarge at gmail dot com).

Get Out the Vote Team monthly meetings are held by zoom, the second Thursday of the month at 6:15-7:15. Next meeting is this Thursday, October 10th.

- Contact Beth Posner-Waldron directly or via GOTV@uucworchester.org for the link to our meeting and/or to be added to our email list for additional communications sent periodically.

For events with **UU the Vote** and **Side With Love**, go to <https://sidewithlove.org/allevvents>

To support our efforts, you can donate money to the stamp fund at UUCW's Social Action Giving Page: <https://www.uucworchester.org/offertory/social-action-giving/> OR bring your purchase of 1st class stamps and drop them in the jar in the church foyer on Sunday mornings (please avoid flags).

UUTHEVOTE GOOD TROUBLE GOALS FOR 2024

Meet four total (two of each) to accomplish Good Trouble Congregation Status

Organizing - Meet two of five

Turn out 5 percent of members at a partner public action / witness

Turn out 10 percent of members at a UU The Vote political education event

Good Trouble team table or canvasses at at least 3 public events

At least 2 congregants are line warmers, poll workers, poll watchers, Election Defenders—we'll have this!

Reach 20 percent volunteer engagement in GT programming—We've hit this already but why stop there!

Voter Contact - Meet two of four

Average 20 postcards or letters per member – **We've exceeded our goal with a total of 2,897 done**

Average 200 text messages per member

Average 20 phone calls per member– leaving messages counts as a call and gets results–395 more calls to go

Average 20 doorknocks per member

It would be rewarding to be recognized as a Good Trouble Congregation again in 2024.

We're making progress towards meeting the goals but the main goal is getting voters to the polls and protecting democracy!

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The reference to “good trouble” is taken from the late Congressman John Lewis who said “...Never, ever be afraid to make some noise and get in good trouble, necessary trouble.”

Updated by GOtV Team Coordinator, Beth Posner-Waldron

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