



*Disagreeing In Good Faith*

September 5, 2024

Dear Friend,

Please find below links to activities, events, and information for multi-faith, non-partisan actions to help support peaceful civic engagement during the election period and beyond, assembled by the [Georgia Faith Forward Democracy Network](#).

### **HIGHLIGHTS**

***Do you want to use your social media for good?*** [The Georgia Democracy Resilience Network](#) and Faith Forward Democracy are looking for ambassadors interested in sharing non-partisan messaging throughout the election season that will provide reliable information to their networks about key election-related issues. A virtual communications strategy meeting will be held **September 18 at 5:30 pm**. If you are interested, please sign up [here](#).

***Watch Rabbi Peter Berg of the Temple*** deliver a message of unity and describe the work faith leaders within Georgia are doing to ensure our elections are safe and trusted by clicking [here](#).

***Working groups*** have formed and are forming to coordinate a range of activities, including Communications, Preaching / Teaching, De-Escalation and Civic Engagement. If you would like to be connected with such groups, please take five minutes to [FILL OUT THIS SURVEY](#).

***Join a distinguished panel*** on **September 9th at 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm** including [Alan Abramowitz](#), [Edward Lindsey](#) and moderator [Rickey Bevington](#) at the Temple to discuss the state of the election process in Georgia and how we navigate the polarizing election season. To register and submit questions for the panel to consider, please sign up [here](#).

### **Key Election Dates:**

- [Register to vote](#) by **October 7th**
- Check that your voter registration is accurate at the Secretary of State's website [here](#).

- The deadline to [request an absentee ballot](#) is **October 25th**, but it is recommended that you make the request earlier.
- [Key GA Election Dates and Resources](#)

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

### ***September 9, 16, and 30: 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 the following Monday dates: September 9, 16, and 30. Sign up at <https://www.turnoutsunday.com/> (click "Poll Chaplain")

### ***September 9, 7:00 - 8:30 pm: An Update on Democracy and How to Preserve What Unites US***

The Rothschild Social Justice Institute's Protecting Democracy Group at the Temple will be hosting a distinguished panel to provide the most up-to-date analysis of how our democracy in Georgia is faring and advice on how to continue to preserve the values that unite us as a state and a country. The panel will include Emory University Professor Emeritus [Alan Abramowitz](#) and [Edward Lindsey](#), partner at Denton's Law Firm, moderated by Emmy award winning journalist [Rickey Bevington](#). To register and submit questions for the panel, please sign up [here](#).

### ***September 10, 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 19, 10.00 - 11.00am: Tour Fulton County Election Facility***

Understanding how elections work is key to providing accurate and credible information to others. Fulton County is offering a tour of their Election Hub & Operations Center (EHOC) in Fairburn, GA. The Temple, through its Faith Leaders for Trusted and Safe Elections Season initiative, is organizing a group of faith leaders to attend. Please sign up [here](#), all are welcome!

### ***September 19, 2024, 11.00 am - 12.00 pm: Managing Your Mental Health During Presidential Election Season: Webinar***

Join Mark Longsjo, LICSW, of Mass General, Bingham as he explores the mental health pitfalls often presented by elections, offers practical tips for addressing the anxiety and depression they can

trigger, and answers questions about managing our news consumption and navigating difficult political conversations with loved ones and colleagues. You can [register for the webinar 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](#).

**HOLD THE DATE: October 17, 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.

**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 will follow.

**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](#)

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, our [Facebook](#), or at [drninfo@cartercenter.org](mailto:drninfo@cartercenter.org).

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