

PC(USA) Resources on Voting Rights/Fighting Voter Suppression/Voter Education

Both Jesus and John Calvin placed a significant emphasis on the role of justice advocacy as central to our faith. Participation in the electoral process is a part of our responsibility as people of faith. We are called to vote our faith convictions at the polls. These convictions are grounded on principles of faith commitment and a larger view of building both global and local communities that are sustainable through sharing the resources of God. Jesus' call to faithful community building through the inclusion of all people and our denominational commitment to voter participation and justice are at the center of this special day. The call to challenge current voter disenfranchisement and government's collusion with corporate wealth continue to be at the center of our special emphasis both on Christian and Citizen Sunday (Sept. 20, 2020), and throughout the PC(USA)'s Season of Peace, which began on Sunday, Sept. 6, 2020.

- **Voter Suppression Discussion Guide: *We Shall Not Be Moved — Advocacy in the New Age of Voter Suppression* (2016).** *It's critical to understand the mechanics of our democracy. "One person, one vote" reflects a core value of democracy, yet the right to vote is being restricted in many places, which raises questions for Christians about the meaning and effectiveness of a government "of the people, by the people, and for the people." This resource can be used by individuals, church study groups or classes, or as a source for sermon starters and ideas. In it we explore the links between our call to public witness as Presbyterians and our responsibility as Americans to demand free and fair elections.* <https://www.presbyterianmission.org/resource/voter-suppression-discussion-guide/>
- ***Our Faith, Our Vote: Resources for Presbyterians to Engage with the 2018 Midterm Elections.*** This site contains links to a variety of resources, including some that are enumerated separately in this list. <https://www.presbyterianmission.org/opw/2018/07/16/our-faith-our-vote-resources-for-presbyterians-to-engage-with-the-2018-midterm-elections/>
- **Social Issues/Church and State: *When Faith and Patriotism Collide* (Vernon Broyles),** <https://www.presbyterianmission.org/what-we-believe/faith-and-patriotism/>
- **Social Issues/*Talking Politics is Not Taboo* (Craig M. Howard),** <https://www.presbyterianmission.org/story/pt-0919-wpb/>
- **ACSWP Social Witness Policy,** https://www.presbyterianmission.org/wp-content/uploads/Lift-every-Voice_Update.pdf
- **Resources for PC(USA) Special Emphasis Day, Christian and Citizen Sunday, Sept. 20, 2020.** Includes links to prayers, liturgies and articles as well as a link to the Facebook Live recording of the Rev. Charles Wiley, a former Presbyterian Mission Agency staff member, speaking about "John Calvin on Voting." <https://www.presbyterianmission.org/ministries/worship/christian-citizen-election-day/>
- ***A Season of Peace 2020* (Sept. 6–Oct. 4, 2020),** <https://www.presbyterianmission.org/ministries/peacemaking/season-peace/>

- **Racial Justice Resources: Downloadable videos, statements, articles and worship resources are gathering on one site.** <https://www.pcusa.org/racial-justice-resources/>
- ***Beyond protests, how can you and your church bring change?*** This June 8, 2020, Presbyterian News Service article features the Rev. Jimmie Hawkins, director of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) Office of Public Witness on Capitol Hill, talking about next steps Presbyterians — and anyone — can take from a public policy perspective. <https://www.presbyterianmission.org/story/beyond-protests-how-can-you-and-your-church-bring-change/>
- ***Why is Protest Important to People of Faith?*** In this video, the Rev. Jimmie Hawkins speaks to why people of faith are called to protest and activism, how to protest, and the state of ecumenical collaboration in public policy and advocacy. <https://vimeo.com/426370978>
- ***Seeking to be Faithful Together: Guidelines for Presbyterians in Times of Disagreement,*** <https://www.presbyterianmission.org/resource/seeking-to-be-faithful-together-guidelines-for-presbyterians-in-times-of-disagreement/> As Presbyterians, we are called to work for the “peace, unity and purity of the Church” (Book of Order) as we seek to be faithful to God’s work in the world. However, disagreements and conflicts are inevitable in the life of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) as we try to be faithful.

