



Election Preparation Checklist for Faith Leaders

This checklist is designed as a working tool for clergy and faith leaders to ensure they have done key things needed to equip their faith community before the 2026 midterm elections. Click on the hyperlinks to go straight to resources.

Voter Registration and Voting Rules

- ☐ Download [Faiths United to Save Democracy Toolkit](#) for voter engagement info.
- ☐ Shared how members can [register to vote](#) or [check their registration status](#).
- ☐ Communicated [voter ID requirements](#) for my state.
- ☐ Shared absentee, early voting, and vote-by-mail options for seniors, disabled voters, and others who may need them.
- ☐ Identified and communicated [key state deadlines](#) for registration, absentee ballots, and voting.

Congregational Communication

- ☐ Put election information in bulletins, flyers, worship announcements, or other printed materials.
- ☐ Shared election information through digital channels such as email, website, text, or social media.
- ☐ Repeated the key messages: check registration now, know your polling location, and vote early.
- ☐ Organized one-on-one help for people who need support navigating registration or absentee ballot processes.
- ☐ Share how to use [sample ballots](#) to help with candidate and ballot issues education before election days.

Volunteer Leadership and Partnerships

- ☐ Formed a multigenerational voter engagement team or identified leaders to coordinate this work.
- ☐ Encouraged clergy and lay to sign up as poll chaplains/peacekeepers.
- ☐ Considered phone banking or canvassing in the community.
- ☐ Asked the team to develop practical voter engagement strategies and local partnerships.
- ☐ Identified and engaged with local election tables, voter protection coalitions, or nonpartisan civic groups working in the area.
- ☐ Identified how the congregation will help people get reliable election information and support before election day.

Nonpartisan Candidate Engagement

- ☐ **Clarified** that the congregation or house of worship will remain nonpartisan.
- ☐ **Planned** how to provide fair and balanced access without implying endorsement for candidates that visit.
- ☐ **Decided** where candidates may speak and avoid settings that could look like a pulpit endorsement when visiting.
- ☐ **Set expectations** for photos and social media to avoid misleading campaign narratives.
- ☐ **Created** opportunities for members to ask candidates about issues affecting the community.

Faith Formation and Civic Teaching

- ☐ **Planned** sermons, teaching moments, or study sessions connecting faith and civic participation.
- ☐ **Share** [Faithful Voting Checklist](#) to help members engage their faith when choosing how to vote.
- ☐ **Chosen** sacred texts or resources that emphasize justice, love, and care for people affected by poverty and oppression.
- ☐ **Engaged** in trainings on voter rights and protection, and non-violent resistance and non-cooperation, encouraging members to attend.

Mental Health and Spiritual Care

- ☐ **Named** election-related stress and anxiety as a pastoral concern in the congregation.
- ☐ **Organized** prayer, support gatherings, or other care spaces before and after the election.
- ☐ **Shared** mental health resources that members can use during the election season.
- ☐ **Encouraged** ministries or small groups to support resilience, peace, and community care.

Final Readiness Check

- ☐ **Reviewed** this checklist with key leaders or volunteers.
- ☐ **Created** a plan for how our faith community will respond after the election, such as rapid response non-violent non-cooperation, vigils, or ballot curing.
- ☐ **Participated** in a local or national action to prevent election subversion, ensuring that every vote is counted, certified, and that there is a peaceful transfer of power. [Click here](#) for ideas.
- ☐ **Discussed** with leadership how the church can remain civically engaged beyond the midterm elections.

