

## HOW CAN WE KNOW WE ARE VOTING FOR CANDIDATES WHO PROMOTE THE BELOVED COMMUNITY?

As followers of the liberating Christ, we're called to infuse justice and love into our civic engagement. In the quest for the Beloved Community, each vote is a step towards our envisioned world of justice, mercy, and common good. As multi-issue voters, this checklist guides your decisions, ensuring they reflect a society valuing equity and respect for all.

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### FREEDOM TO BE HEALTHY

#### Will you vote for candidates who...

- will protect and expand affordable health care for all and end the injustice of medical debt?
- support policies to reduce the cost of prescription medicines so patients can afford lifesaving care?
- support ending the Black maternal health crisis by investing in the expansion of critical programs to support the lives of parents and babies?
- support ending hunger in our nation with needed food assistance programs, such as SNAP, WIC, and school lunch programs?

Access to adequate healthcare and healthy food is a moral right for all people.

### FREEDOM TO LIVE ON A HEALTHY PLANET

#### Will you vote for candidates who...

- will address the climate crisis and invest in a rapid, just transition to renewable energy?
- will end policies that benefit fossil fuel corporations, such as tax subsidies and approval of pipelines?
- will address pollution and toxic dumping that disproportionately affect Black, Brown, and Indigenous communities, and ensure clean air and water for all?

Care for creation is an expression of our faith and respect for our creator.

### FREEDOM TO PARTICIPATE IN A VIBRANT DEMOCRACY

#### Will you vote for candidates who...

- refuse to use violent language or threats of violence against other candidates or groups of people?
- will ensure all eligible voters have access to voting, and restore voting for formerly incarcerated people?
- will limit the power of the wealthy to manipulate our democracy through unlimited dark money and gerrymandering?

Everyone is made in the image of God and deserves the freedom to vote.

### FREEDOM TO CARE FOR OURSELVES AND OUR FAMILIES

#### Will you vote for candidates who...

- will reduce costs for families, including via a robust Child Tax Credit, paid leave, and funding for childcare?
- will ensure all workers can earn a living wage and have the right to join a union?
- will ensure the wealthy pay their fair share of taxes, including by supporting a billionaire's tax?
- will address skyrocketing housing costs, including by investing in affordable housing, housing assistance programs, and a renter's tax credit?
- will support future generations by forgiving student loans, providing free college, and protecting HBCUs and other schools that support marginalized identities?

Scripture tells us that "if one part suffers, every part suffers with it. If one part is honored, every part shares in its joy." **1 Cor. 12:26.**

### FREEDOM FROM HARM

#### Will you vote for candidates who...

- support common sense gun control, including banning the use of AR-15s and other weapons of war, so our children and communities can live safely?
- will protect the rights of marginalized communities including Black, Brown, and Indigenous communities as well as LGBTQ+ people?

All creation deserves to live in a world free of violence and in a community where they are safe.

### FREEDOM TO LIVE IN A WELCOMING COUNTRY THAT VALUES DIGNITY AND HUMAN RIGHTS

#### Will you vote for candidates who...

- support the right to asylum and paths to citizenship, and prioritize immigration?
- promote inclusive policies that support border communities rather than militarization?

As people of faith, we affirm the intrinsic dignity of every person.