

## Voter Empowerment

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*"Voting and participation in our government is a way of participating in our common life and that is a Christian obligation."*

*-Presiding Bishop Michael Curry*

Episcopal congregations across the country are at the forefront of voter engagement efforts - registering voters, serving as polling places, providing ballot information, advocating for fair elections & voter rights, and promoting civil discourse. The right to vote is a fundamental principle of our democracy. When more Americans can participate in our elections, the outcome better reflects who we are as a country.

Voter empowerment is about ensuring that every American can be an active participant in our democracy. Our goal is to register and empower new and existing voters through community voter registration drives across the city, strengthening voter participation, and fighting back against voter suppression.

Sign up to help us register and empower voters, defend our rights to make ourselves heard, and take action on the issues that impact our lives.

Advocate for voting rights with local and national policy makers.

Share voter registration info with your friends and family via email, text message, and social media.

Encourage people to VOTE, remind them of voting dates, new ID requirements, and how to find their polling location.

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## HOW YOU CAN GET INVOLVED

Between Jan 1 and May 14, 2021, at least 14 states enacted 22 new laws that restrict access to the vote. Provisions are categorized as restrictive if they would make it harder for Americans to register, stay on the rolls, and/or vote, as compared to existing state law.

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*Almighty God, to whom we must account for all our powers and privileges: Guide the people of the United States (or of this community) in the election of officials and representatives; that, by faithful administration and wise laws, the rights of all may be protected and our nation be enabled to fulfill your purposes; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

PRAY

*Collect For an Election (BCP pg. 822)*

Engage with St Luke's FAN Voter Empowerment volunteer opportunities.

Canvass with fellow FAN members educating and empowering voters.

Help voters prepare to vote and get to the polls on election days.

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