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# STATEMENT ON VOTER REGISTRATION AND ENCOURAGEMENT

During this election year, The Interfaith Conference of Greater Milwaukee (IFCGM) notes the first section of the Constitution of the State of Wisconsin, which takes its inspiration from the Declaration of Independence:

"All people are born equally free and independent, and have certain inherent rights; among these are life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness; to secure these rights, governments are instituted, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed."

The United Nations Universal Declaration of Human Rights (Article 21, Paragraph 3), expresses this ideal in specific terms:

"The will of the people shall be the basis of the authority of government; this will shall be expressed in periodic and genuine elections which shall be by universal and equal suffrage and shall be held by secret vote or by equivalent free voting procedures."

The principle of universal and equal suffrage and free elections is consonant with the teachings of our various and diverse communities of faith, emphasizing the value and dignity of every human being and of a government that reflects those values. Therefore, the IFCGM supports all efforts which act in a non-partisan way to encourage voter registration, participation, and turnout during this and future elections.

Furthermore, we urge our member communities of faith to engage in programs that educate, communicate, and encourage voter registration and greater participation in the electoral process.

Sincerely,

Pardeep Singh Kaleka

Executive Director, Interfaith Conference

The Rev. David Simmons Chair, Interfaith Conference

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#### **RESOURCES\***

Voter Resource Guide for August 11, Primary Election

Express In-Person, Early Voting: July 28 – August 9, M-F 9am-5pm, Sat & Sun, 10am-3pm:

- Zeidler Municipal Building, 841 N. Broadway
- Midtown Center, 5700 W. Capitol Dr.
- Manitoba School, 4040 W. Forest Home Ave.

Information on Early Voting for residents of Wisconsin: <a href="www.myvote.wi.gov">www.myvote.wi.gov</a> National Disability Voter Registration week, Aug 13-17: <a href="https://disabilityvote.org/">https://disabilityvote.org/</a>

For information on the candidates on the ballot: www.vote411.org

Update your voter registration at any Milwaukee Public Library location. Check locations for ballot drop-off from July 7- Aug 8, Tues, Thurs, and Sat from 9am – 3pm: <a href="https://www.mpl.org/library/voting">https://www.mpl.org/library/voting</a> information.php

General Voter Resources and Registration

Voting information in English and Spanish: https://my.lwv.org/wisconsin

Volunteering/Church-based organizing: Souls to the Polls, <a href="https://soulstothepollsmke.org">https://soulstothepollsmke.org</a>

Absentee Voting: Request Absentee Ballot at www.myvote.wi.gov

Interfaith Voter Engagement, https://interfaithvotewi.org

Voter Registration, https://www.legendsvote.org

Milwaukee County Elections and Voting, <a href="https://county.milwaukee.gov/EN/Our-County/Elections--Voting">https://county.milwaukee.gov/EN/Our-County/Elections--Voting</a>

BLOC (Black Leaders organizing for Communities), https://www.blocbybloc.org

Wisconsin Disability Vote Coalition, https://disabilityvote.org

Statewide Wisconsin Voices, https://wisconsinvoices.org

\*Resources contributed by member faiths, but not officially endorsed by the Interfaith Conference of Greater Milwaukee.