

Power is in our vote. Know MI Voting Rights, GOTV and VOTE to PROTECT DEMOCRACY

In these times of “alternative” facts competing with facts, “selective” history being taught in our schools, equity and Inclusiveness being examined and questioned, and voting rights being restricted rather than expanded, many of us on the United Church of Christ Detroit Metro Area Social Justice Team are concerned that the very future of our Democracy is at risk.

We believe that as people of faith we must stand-up for our Christian values of equality and equal rights for all people. We must be the voice of those who unfortunately are marginalized and have no voice in our society. We must ensure that all our children receive a good quality education that prepares them to take their place in our society and earn a living which can support them and their families.

The Fall 2024 Election is very important, not just for the Presidential Office, but for all offices which are to be filled. We believe that as Christians, it is our responsibility to work in coalitions with people of similar values in a non-partisan way to make plans to GET OUT THE VOTE and PRESERVE DEMOCRACY. And we can individually urge support and vote for those candidates who demonstrate these values, not just by what they say, but by their actions as well.

But first we need to work to ensure that everyone gets registered to vote:

To register to vote you must be • a United States citizen; • a Michigan resident at the time you register and a resident of your city or township for at least 30 days when you vote; • at least 18 years of age (when you vote); • and not currently serving a sentence in jail or prison (in jail awaiting trial or already served sentence can vote, just have to re-register). You can register up to the day of the election at your local clerk's office.

Visit the **Michigan Voter Information Center:** www.MI.gov/vote and watch this video from our Michigan Unitarian-Universalist partners: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eIJfS24jlo0>

Thank you for considering what we are saying and with sincere thanks,
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