



Democracy and Voting Rights

Our Faith Our Vote: Issue Education Resource

Where Does the UCC Stand on Democracy and Voting Rights?

The United Church of Christ believes that access to the ballot box is an essential element of faithful citizenship. In the face of growing attacks on the Voting Rights Act, the UCC General Synod has called on the church to loudly defend voting rights through advocacy, education, and public witness. The UCC strongly opposes voter suppression measures such as restrictive voter ID laws and reductions in early voting, especially where they disproportionately affect communities of color.

Democratic participation is vital for a just society and the protection of the most vulnerable. The UCC views democratic participation as an expression of Christian responsibility and covenantal community. General Synod resolutions frequently connect democracy to civil rights, racial justice, economic equity, and opposition to authoritarianism and political violence. The church encourages members not only to vote, but also to participate actively in civic life, advocate for transparent and accountable government, and defend the rights of all people to fully participate in the democratic process. This commitment reflects the UCC's historic identity as a denomination deeply engaged in advancing social justice and dignity for all people.

Prayer

God of justice and compassion, we give thanks for the gift of community and the responsibilities of citizenship. Guide us to build a society where every voice is heard, every person is valued, and every voter can participate freely and safely in the democratic process. Strengthen us to resist fear, division, and hatred, and help us pursue truth, dignity, and common good. We pray in the name of Christ, who calls us to love our neighbors and seek justice. Amen.

Want to learn more?

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Questions for Candidates

- What actions will you take to protect and expand voting access in our state and community, particularly for marginalized communities, while also maintaining public confidence in our elections?
- In recent years, concerns about political violence, disinformation, and threats against election workers have grown. What role should elected officials play in strengthening democratic norms and ensuring peaceful, trustworthy elections?
- Many Americans feel disconnected from government and doubtful that their voices matter. What policies or reforms would you champion to increase civic participation, transparency, and trust in democratic institutions?

Take Additional Action

- Connect with [Faiths United to Save Democracy](#)
- Explore Poll Chaplain and Poll Worker opportunities in your county
- Sign up to join the [Justice & Peace Action Network](#) to stay informed on voting rights opportunities

