Michigan Interfaith GOTV Campaign

In conjunction with a nationwide initiative by Unitarian Universalists to “UU the Vote,” the Michigan Unitarian Universalist Social Justice Network (MUUSJN) announces its nonpartisan, interfaith efforts to increase voter participation in Michigan.

MUUSJN will work with consultants and volunteers from organizations such as ACLU, UU and United Church of Christ congregations, National Council of Jewish Women-Michigan, and several economic and social justice and LGBTQ+ organizations, to make many contacts with Michigan citizens. The main goals of this initiative will be to build a network of GoTV volunteers, increase knowledge of voter rights and issues, and expand voter turnout where participation has been low.

At least 18 Unitarian Universalist congregations along with several other churches and organizations have expressed an interest in promoting the right to vote. Sharon Pedersen is managing this project with MUUSJN on a part-time basis, and each organization involved will “muster” its own team of volunteers. MUUSJN will be training individuals and groups on actions people can take from their own homes, such as phone calls and texts, posting on social media, and mailing letters to friends and neighbors.

For more information about volunteering to Get Out To Vote, contact your congregation’s GOTV chair, pastor or social justice committee chair.

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**Here’s how you can vote from home this year!** Michigan’s Secretary of State is mailing voter applications to all registered addresses before the end of June. You can vote safely from home! It is your constitutional right in Michigan! Please ensure your registration is accurate and up to date, then get on the permanent absentee voter list. It’s just 3 simple steps:

1. Click this [link](#). It will take you to the Michigan Secretary of State Voter Information Center. If the link does not work, copy & paste [Michigan.gov/vote](http://Michigan.gov/vote) into your web browser.

2. Once there, scroll to “Search by Name,” fill out the form & click the green box “Search by Name.” (If you are not registered to vote, you can register at this site)

3. You will receive the message that “Yes! You are Registered.” You will also receive an “Absentee Voter Ballot Status” message giving you the option to vote absentee in all future elections. Click on the green “Yes” button. **Fill in the five fields/questions, hit submit** and you will be signed up. Or, if you have already signed up, you will see a message stating “You are on the permanent absentee voter list.”

Once signed up for an absentee ballot, your local clerk will send you a ballot application before each election asking if you want to vote absentee. Complete and mail back that absentee ballot application. You may still vote at your poll if wish to do so. Watch your mailbox for your ballot. **Follow the instructions and return your completed ballot. You will have just voted from home! It’s that easy.** (Thank you, Scott Reilly from Northwest UU, Southfield MI.)
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