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Together We Vote: Call with Rev. Barber Tonight & More!

Dear Friends,

We are hearing from UUs around the country who are raising a moral message during this electoral season, working for voting rights, registering people to vote, phone banking, and making plans to get out the vote. UUs in Arizona and from the Southwest are travelling to Phoenix to stand for immigrant rights and engage in door-knocking with unlikely voters, All Souls Unitarian Church James Reeb Voting Rights Project in DC travelled to Pennsylvania and are phone banking to North Carolina, UUSJ is registering formerly incarcerated people in Virginia and North Carolina UUs are working with the NAACP Souls to the Polls Project. All over the country UUs are participating in the Moral Revivals and Revive Love tours to speak out and organize for justice. Congregations across the country are working with the PICO National Network Together We Vote and the WeSayEnough! campaigns.

Tonight Rev. William Barber, II, will speak on PICO's Together We Vote Call about the moral imperative driving our voting work during this election cycle.

Thursday, Oct. 13th, 9 pm ET (8 pm CT, 7 pm MT, and 6 pm PT). Please RSVP here.

Rev. Barber is calling for congregations to hold two Higher Ground Moral Declaration Weekends between now and the elections. See toolkit and other resources on our webpage (under the Connect with the Moral Monday Forward Together Movement section).

PICO's Together We Vote Campaign includes a massive Virtual Phone Banking effort. They are focusing on calling people of color who have voted infrequently. This is one way to participate in the counter-narrative for THIS moment by talking to voters in key states: Florida, Louisiana, Michigan, Ohio, and Nevada. All participants need is a computer and access to the internet. A script, training, and technology are provided. Email Rev. Megan Black at mblack@piconetwork.org to join the next training.

If you want more information about IRS Guidelines for Congregations on Advocacy, Lobbying, and Elections and Voting Rights, see the webinar the UUA & UUMA

recently co-sponsored <u>Getting Involved without Getting in Trouble</u> led by: Rev. Rob Keithan, Faith Organizing and Training Consultant, former director of the UUA Washington Office for Advocacy and Rev. Rob Hardies, Senior Minister, All Souls Unitarian Church, Washington, DC and the James Reeb Voting Rights Project. We've also posted the webinar slides at <u>www.uua.org/votingrights</u> and an updated version of <u>The Real Rules: Congregations and the IRS Guidelines on Advocacy, Lobbying and Elections</u>.

The <u>UU Funding Program</u> has \$500 grants for congregational Get Out the Vote efforts.

Find more resources at www.uua.org/votingrights!

To join the campaign and tours mentioned above, see:

- National Mobilization in Phoenix
- Revival Tour: Time for a Moral Revolution of Values
- Revive Love Tour
- Together We Vote
- <u>UUSJ Mobilization</u> Check out their toolkit!
- We Say Enough!

It's all out now to work towards the fulfillment of the promise of our democracy.

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In faith and solidarity,



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