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Citizenship Sunday

Voter Registration Instructions

- Take 10 minutes and review all material in this packet.
- Note the enclosed **Voter Registration Form**. More forms are available from Ohio Christian Alliance, or go to your County Board of Elections and pick up Voter Registration Postcards (Pick up approximately 50% of your church size.)
- Eligible Voters
 - 18 years old
 - US Citizen
 - Ohio resident
 - Has not been barred from voting due to a felony conviction
 - Has not been declared mentally incompetent by a court

Action Plan

- It would be a great opportunity for this to be a God & Country Service - ***Citizenship Sunday***
- ***Clergy*** – Please incorporate the Voter Registration Drive as a part of the service. It will not be as fruitful if this is casually mentioned from the pulpit and the voter registration forms left in the lobby.
- The clergy needs to ask for a show of hands of those who need to register to vote.
- Ushers can pass out Voter Registration Forms.
- Ask the church members to complete the Voter Registration Form, fold it in half, seal it and put it in the ***Offering Basket***. It is important to recover forms during the service to maximize response.
- An appointed liaison from the clergy should collect all Voter Registration Forms and **hand deliver them to the County Board of Elections on Monday** morning after Citizenship Sunday.
- Church liaison or clergy complete enclosed **reporting form** and fax to the Ohio Christian Alliance office **Monday morning after Citizenship Sunday**.

Citizenship Sunday

Liaison Reporting Form

*Please complete this form and fax it to the Ohio Christian Alliance State Office
on Monday Following Citizenship Sunday*

Fax: (330) 887-1923

Number of Voter Registration Cards Completed and delivered _____

Church Information

(Please Print)

Church Name _____ Pastor's Name _____

Church Mailing Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ County _____

Church Phone () _____ Church Fax () _____

Church Email Address _____

Liaison Information

(Please Print)

Mr. _____ Mrs. _____ Miss _____ Dr. _____ Other _____

Last Name _____ First Name _____ Middle _____

Liaison's Home Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ County _____

Home Phone () _____ Work Phone () _____ Fax () _____

Email Address _____



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Sponsor a Church Voter Registration Drive

“Together we can make a difference.”

Thank you very much for your consideration to host a legal, non-partisan voter registration drive in your church during your God and Country Service. This is a great opportunity to ensure that church members are registered to vote.

According to Ohio Christian Alliance polling data, only 50% of all church members are actually registered to vote. We are proud to work along with churches across this great state, to actively take steps to change this situation. Our goal is to register Christians to vote and empower them with the tools they need to make a positive change in Ohio. *If we simply register our church members to vote (which is legal) and educate them on issues and candidates, it is a fact we can win 80% of all elections.*

Attached is a detailed instruction sheet on how you can successfully host a legal, non-partisan Voter Registration Drive in your church. Please follow **every detail closely** in order to reap the maximum benefit of this effort.

Thank you so much and God Bless You!



Church Information Sheet

County _____

Name of Church _____

Address _____

Phone _____ Fax _____

E-Mail _____

Senior Pastor _____

Associate Pastor(s) _____

Contact Person _____

2006 Voter Guides

_____ **Yes**, we would like to have the Educational Voter Guides at our church.

_____ Number of Educational Voter Guides requested.

Voter Registration

_____ **Yes**, we would like a Voter Registration Packet for our church.

*Please return your completed form to the Ohio Christian Alliance,
P.O. Box 3076, Akron, Ohio 44309. Thank you!*



Fact Sheet

Organization - Non-Partisan 501(c)(4) Non-Profit Education & Lobbying Organization
We do not endorse candidates
We Are Issues Driven

Mission Statement -We believe that people of faith have a right and a responsibility to be involved in the world around them. That involvement includes **social, community and political action.**

- Goal I. – **Represent Christians before local councils, state legislatures, and Congress**
- Goal II. - **Speak out in the public arena and in the media**
- Goal III. -**Train Christian leaders for effective social and political action**
- Goal IV. - **Inform Christians about timely issues & pending legislation**
- Goal V. - **Protest anti-Christian bias and defend the legal rights of Christians**

Area of Involvement

- ***Defending the institution of marriage***
- ***Strengthening the family***
- ***Returning education to local & parental control***
- ***Punishing criminals & defending victims' rights***
- ***Protecting innocent human life***
- ***Protecting religious freedom***
- ***Easing the tax burden on families***
- ***Protecting young people & our communities from the pollution of pornography***
- ***Protecting our communities from the expansion of gambling***

What a Church and Pastor Can and Can Not Do Legally

What A Church MAY DO

- Engage in Voter Registration that refrains from stressing a particular political party.
- Distribute Material that is educational to voters, but which refrains from favoring any particular candidate or party, such as the Christian Coalition Voter Guide.
- Conduct candidate or issues forums where each duly qualified candidate is invited and provided an equal opportunity to speak.
- Allow candidates or elected officials to speak at church services. Churches that allow only one candidate or a single political party's candidate to speak can be seen as favoring that candidate or party. No candidate should be prohibited from addressing a church if others running for the same office have been allowed to speak.
- A church can influence legislation through lobbying. A church may spend no more than an insubstantial amount of its annual budget (5 percent is a safe amount) on direct lobbying activities.
- Contribute funds to citizen organizations such as Christian Coalition. The 5 percent rule applies here as well and is inclusive of all lobbying. Lobbying activities and contributions combined should not exceed 5 percent of the church's annual budget.
- Pastors may endorse candidates in their capacity as private citizens and may even allow their title to be used in that endorsement. The fact that a pastor is an employee of a church no way removes his right to free speech as a citizen of the United States.
- Pastors may participate fully in political committees that are independent of the church.

What A Church MAYNOT DO

- A pastor may not endorse candidates on behalf of the church. A pastor should not directly or indirectly endorse a candidate from the pulpit or otherwise in a church meeting.
- Contribute funds or services (such as mailing lists or office equipment) directly to candidates or political committees.
- Allow the distribution of material that favors any one candidate or political party.
- Pay fees for political events from church funds.
- Set up a political committee that would contribute funds directly to political candidates.
- No candidate should be allowed to solicit funds while speaking at a church.

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P.O. Box 3076
Akron, Ohio 44309
330-887-1922 phone
330-887-1923 fax
www.ohioca.org

Voter Registration Form

Please read instructions carefully.

Eligibility

You are qualified to register to vote in Ohio if you meet all the following requirements:

1. You are a citizen of the United States.
2. You will be at least 18 years old on or before the day of the general election.
3. You will be a resident of Ohio for at least 30 days immediately before the election in which you want to vote.
4. You are not incarcerated (in prison) for a felony conviction.
5. You have not been declared incompetent for voting purposes by a probate court.
6. You have not been permanently disfranchised for violations of the election laws.

Use this form to register to vote *or* update your current Ohio registration if you have changed your address or name.

NOTICE: Your registration or change must be *received or postmarked* by the 30th day before an election at which you intend to vote. You will be notified by your county board of elections of the location where you vote. If you do not receive a notice prior to election day, call your county board of elections.

Lines 1 and 2 are required by law. If you do not answer *both* of the questions, your registration will not be processed.

Registering in Person

If you have a current valid Ohio driver's license, you must provide that number on line 10. If you do not have an Ohio driver's license, you must provide the *last four digits* of your social security number on line 10. If you have neither, write "None."

Registering by Mail

If you register by mail and do not provide either a current Ohio driver's license number or the last four digits of your Social Security number, please enclose a copy of one of the following forms of identification with your registration application:

- Current valid photo identification card, military identification, current utility bill, bank statement, paycheck, government check or government document (except board of elections' notifications) showing your name and current address.

Your Signature

Your registration cannot be processed without your signature. On line 14, affix your signature or mark taking care that it does not touch surrounding lines of type. If your signature is a mark, include the name and address of the person who witnessed the mark beneath the signature line. If by reason of disability you are unable to physically sign, the attorney-in-fact that you have appointed pursuant to R.C. 3501.382, may sign this form on your behalf at your direction and in your presence.

Person Registering Applicant

Complete line 15 if you will receive compensation for providing this registration form, assisting in completing the form, or returning this form. As a compensated registrant, you must return this form to an office of a county board of elections or the secretary of state's office.

See voter identification requirements for voting.

Please type or print clearly with a black pen.

Affix copy of ID.

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WHOEVER COMMITS ELECTION FALSIFICATION IS GUILTY OF A FELONY OF THE FIFTH DEGREE

1. Are you a U.S. citizen? ☐ Yes ☐ No

2. Will you be at least 18 years of age on or before the next general election? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If you answered NO to either of the questions, do not complete this form.

3. Last Name		First Name		Middle Name or Initial		Jr., II, etc.			
4. House Number and Street (Enter new address if changed)				Apt. or Lot #		5. City or Post Office		6. Zip Code	
7. Additional Rural or Mailing Address (if necessary)						8. County where you live		FOR BOARD USE ONLY SEC4010 (Rev. 6/06) City, Village, Twp. Ward Precinct School Dist. Cong. Dist. Senate Dist. House Dist.	
9. Birthdate (MO-DAY-YR)		10. Ohio driver's license No. OR last 4 digits of Social Security No. (required)				11. Phone No. (voluntary)			
12. PREVIOUS ADDRESS IF UPDATING CURRENT REGISTRATION									
Previous House Number and Street									
Previous City or Post Office				County		State			
13. CHANGE OF NAME ONLY		Former Legal Name			Former Signature				
I declare under penalty of election falsification I am a citizen of the United States, will have lived in this state for 30 days immediately preceding the next election, and I will be at least 18 years of age at the time of the general election.									
14. Your Signature									
Date ____/____/____ MO DAY YR									

15. I declare under penalty of election falsification that for compensation I provided a registration form to the applicant, assisted the applicant in completing this form, or returned this form to an appropriate public office for processing, and that I am employed for this purpose by _____.

(Print name of employer of person registering applicant)

Signature/Address of Person Registering Applicant _____
MO DAY YR

Address _____ City/Village _____ State _____ Zip code _____