

# Election Related Guidelines For Pastors and Churches

During election season, it can be challenging for pastors and church leaders to know how they can help educate congregants about current issues and upcoming elections.

Romans 12 tells us, "Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect." May this verse be a guide for you as you lead others to think discerningly about cultural issues and this election season.

We've put together a list of what pastors and churches may and may not do consistent with IRS regulations, which will help you as you encourage your church to Honor God with their vote.

ELECTION RELATED ACTIVITIES	CHURCH*	PASTOR**
Distribute nonpartisan voter guides	Yes	Yes
Distribute unbiased voting records	Yes	Yes
Distribute campaign literature	No	Yes
Discuss issues ( <i>ie. sanctity of life, sex trafficking, justice reform</i> )	Yes	Yes
Nonpartisan voter registration activities	Yes	Yes
Nonpartisan encouragement to vote activities	Yes	Yes
Support or oppose candidates for office	No	Yes
Contribute money or gifts or services to candidates	No	Yes
Support or oppose legislation	Yes	Yes
Host nonpartisan material on website or in emails	Yes	Yes

\*"Church" refers to an official position or action of the church, including the pastor when acting as a representative of the church.

\*\*"Pastor" refers to a pastor acting in their personal capacity as an individual, not in their professional capacity as a representative of the church.



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