

Voting Our Values

*Resource: Interfaith Power & Light, A
Reflection Guide for Faith Communities*

What does it mean to vote our values?

As people of faith, it's essential that prioritize policies that will protect the environment for future generations, confront global pandemics and ensure health and safety of all, and honor the human dignity of every person.

People of color and members of Jewish, Muslim, Sikh, Hindi, and other faith traditions are too often targeted by dehumanizing rhetoric and racist policies. We must resist this culture of exclusion, and affirm our sacred creation as humans among one another.



Climate Justice

Climate change is a threat to creation, and it is a disproportionate threat to our most vulnerable neighbors around the world. It's in our moral interest to transition away from polluting fossil fuels, take action needed to avert climate change, and assist the underserved communities who are typically the ones least responsible for climate change but most impacted by it.

Reflect:

- How does your faith teach about our responsibilities to the Earth and others?
- How has your faith community made an effort to practice environmental stewardship?



Moral Health Policies

As people of faith, we must commit to policies that ensure everyone has access to quality, affordable healthcare, especially in a global pandemic. POC are more likely to become ill with the virus, and the United States doesn't guarantee universal access to healthcare

Reflect:

- What do you struggle with the most when it comes to our healthcare system?
- How has COVID-19 impacted your community? What policy solutions can keep us all safe and remedy racial and economic injustices in your community?



Of all the forms of inequality, injustice in health care is the most shocking and inhumane.

(Rev. Martin Luther King Jr.)

Racial Justice

Justice is at the very heart of faith. Restorative justice begins with listening to and empowering communities that have been exploited, excluded, and denied equal representation and freedom. Racial disparities are stark and pervasive, and for many, true freedom never comes due to the overwhelming systemic oppressions.

Reflect:

- How do we dismantle the evil ideology of white supremacy in our culture and political systems?
- How do we build safe communities for everyone, particularly people of color?



Pledge to be a Compassionate Climate Voter

How to Act:

1. Have a conversation with 10 friends about the importance of the upcoming election
2. Encourage your friends to register and/or request a mail in ballot
3. Vote in this upcoming election!

Resources:

- ICEJ Pledge to be a Compassionate Climate Voter: <https://icejsd.org/pledge-to-be-a-faith-climate-voter/>
- SD350's Voter Guide: <https://sandiego350.org/vote/>

Prop / Measure	Short Description	VOTE
Measure A (SD City)	\$900 m bond for affordable housing for people experiencing homelessness or at risk of homelessness	YES
Measure B (SD City)	Establish an Independent Commission on Police Practices for San Diego	YES
Measure L (Oceanside)	Rezone 176.6 acres for North River Farms development	NO
Prop 15 (State)	Increase funding for schools and services by closing property tax loophole for big businesses	YES
Prop 16/ACA 5 (State)	Reinstate Affirmative Action in California	YES
Prop 17 (State)	Restore voting rights for persons on parole	YES
Prop 18/ACA 4 (State)	Allow 17-year-olds to register to vote and vote in primaries if they will turn 18 before the next general election	YES
Prop 21 (State)	Expand local government's authority to enact rent control on residential properties over 15 years old	YES

Resource: *SanDiego350's ballot endorsements. For more details, [click here](#)*