



Massachusetts Citizens Congress on Poverty

“Ask and it shall be given you.” Matthew 7:7

WHAT CHURCHES CAN DO

- Church governing councils can pass a resolution calling upon its congregants to vote.
- Ask your pastors to form a committee whose work is to encourage voting within the congregation.
- Pastors can devote a monthly sermon to the importance of voting.
- Pastors can organize a breakfast with other members of the Black clergy and create a project to turn out the Black Christian vote.
- Church leaders can host a press conference announcing their plans to get out the vote.
- Organize a canvass providing important information to citizens about voting.
- Churches can host a legislative breakfast with local elected officials to secure their support for their efforts to get out the vote.
- Ask your denomination leaders to endorse their efforts.
- Encourage members of its congregations to write letters, make phone calls and door knock to get out the vote.
- Host a wide variety of events to turn out people and register voters.
- Host a poor people’s dinner to highlight the crisis of poverty and the importance of voting.
- Ask each church to put together get out the vote activities for the GOTV weekend.
- Host special Heritage Day events honoring those who voted and the ancestors that made it all possible.
- Host a voter registration drive.

Use, print, pass on any information on the UMN site you find useful.

Even if you choose one action, you will be helping to build a movement for equity.