

## **VIRGINIA BAPTIST STATE CONVENTION 20/20 IN 2020 VOTER REGISTRATION AND SOULS TO THE POLLS PARTICIPATION DRIVE**

As we continue to embrace the tenets of theocracy as the Virginia Baptist State Convention and democracy as citizens of the Commonwealth of Virginia, please consider these suggestions regarding the voting process for this upcoming historic November 3, 2020 General Election:

REMEMBER: VOTING IN VIRGINIA JUST GOT EASIER- OUR VOTES COUNT!

### **VOTER REGISTRATION BY OCTOBER 13TH**

1. WITH ROUGHLY 70 DAYS BEFORE NOVEMBER 3RD LET'S ANNOUNCE IN YOUR CHURCH AS SOON AS POSSIBLE THE BEGINNING OF YOUR 20/20 IN 2020 VOTER REGISTRATION DRIVE. IDENTIFY AT LEAST ONE PERSON IN YOUR CHURCH WHO IS CERTIFIED TO REGISTER PEOPLE TO VOTE. THIS CAN HAPPEN BY GETTING SOMEONE FROM YOUR REGISTRAR'S OFFICE OR LOCAL VOTER'S LEAGUE WHO IS CERTIFIED TO COME TO YOUR CHURCH AND CERTIFY PEOPLE IN YOUR CHURCH. THIS SHORT PROCESS DOES NOT TAKE LONG. THESE INDIVIDUALS WILL BE CERTIFIED AND RECEIVE VOTER REGISTRATION FORMS. YOU MAY WANT TO PLAN CERTIFICATIONS IN HARMONY WITH OTHER LOCAL CHURCHES IN YOUR AREA OR YOUR VOTER'S LEAGUE.
2. 20 PEOPLE IN YOUR LOCAL CHURCH WILL AIM TO GET 20 PEOPLE EACH REGISTERED TO VOTE BY OCTOBER 13TH WHICH IS THE DEADLINE TO REGISTER TO VOTE. THIS WILL RESULT IN 400 REGISTERED PEOPLE PER CHURCH. IF WE HAVE 800 CHURCHES IN VBSC, THAT WILL RESULT IN AS MANY AS 320,000 NEW REGISTRANTS IN VIRGINIA. IF YOU CANNOT GET 20 PEOPLE TO REGISTER 20 PEOPLE EACH IN YOUR CHURCH WHICH MAKES UP THE YEAR 2020, THEN WORK WITH OTHER CHURCHES IN YOUR AREA TO GET 2,020 NEW PERSONS REGISTERED. TOGETHER WE CAN DO GREAT THINGS! IN ESSENCE, REGISTER AS MANY AS YOU CAN BY OCTOBER 13, 2020!
3. YOUR CHURCH SHOULD HAVE EVENTS OR RALLIES OBSERVING SOCIAL DISTANCING ON THE GROUNDS OF THE CHURCH OR AT VARIOUS VENUES IN YOUR LOCALITY TO REGISTER PERSONS TO VOTE. DO NOT FORGET NURSING HOMES IN YOUR LOCALITY THAT NEED TO BE REGISTERED. PLEASE MAKE YOUR VANS AVAILABLE TO HELP INDIVIDUALS WITH REGISTRATION EFFORTS.
4. A PERSON CAN REGISTER TO VOTE ONLINE, AT YOUR LOCAL REGISTRAR'S OFFICE, OR BY MAIL. TO BE ELIGIBLE, YOU MUST BE BOTH A U.S. CITIZEN AND A RESIDENT OF VIRGINIA. YOU MUST ALSO BE AT LEAST 18 YEARS OLD BY NOVEMBER 3, 2020. IF YOU HAVE A PREVIOUS FELONY CONVICTION, YOU CAN REQUEST RIGHTS RESTORATION AT [restore.virginia.gov](https://www.elections.virginia.gov). The deadline to register for the general election is October 13, 2020. For complete eligibility information and to learn more about registration visit: <https://www.elections.virginia.gov/registration/>.

### **VOTER PARTICIPATION BY NOVEMBER 3RD**

1. ANNOUNCE IN YOUR CHURCH AS SOON AS POSSIBLE THE BEGINNING OF YOUR SOULS TO THE POLLS VOTER PARTICIPATION DRIVE. ALL REGISTERED VOTERS CAN VOTE EARLY IN PERSON WITH NO EXCUSE REQUIRED. REGISTERED VOTERS CAN NOW VOTE EARLY AT A LOCAL REGISTRAR'S OFFICE FROM SEPTEMBER 18TH THROUGH OCTOBER 31ST, 2020. JUST FIND A DAY AND TIME THAT IS CONVENIENT FOR YOU, AND CHOOSE YOUR OWN ELECTION DAY. FOR EXAMPLE, YOUR CONGREGATION CAN DECLARE YOU ALL ARE GOING TO VOTE EARLY ON SEPTEMBER THE 18TH OR SEPTEMBER 19TH AS A CONGREGATION. VOTING EARLY THIS YEAR WILL ENCOURAGE MORE PEOPLE TO VOTE AND ENSURE THAT OUR VOTES COUNT. LET THE MEDIA KNOW ABOUT YOUR

EFFORTS. WHEN YOU GO TO VOTE EARLY, ACCESSIBLE EQUIPMENT AND CURBSIDE VOTING IS AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST. TO FIND YOUR LOCAL REGISTRAR'S OFFICE, VISIT: <https://vote.elections.virginia.gov/Voterinformation/PublicContactLookup>.

2. ALL REGISTERED VOTERS CAN VOTE EARLY BY MAIL WITH NO EXCUSE REQUIRED. REGISTERED VOTERS CAN REQUEST A BALLOT BE MAILED TO THEM BY FILLING OUT AN ONLINE FORM OR BY PRINTING OUT THE FORM AND MAILING, FAXING, OR EMAILING IT IN. SOME HAVE ALREADY RECEIVED MAIL IN REQUESTS FORMS AND NEED TO MAIL THOSE IN FOR AN ABSENTEE BALLOT TO BE SENT TO YOU. THE DEADLINE TO REQUEST A BALLOT BE MAILED IS OCTOBER 23, 2020. ONCE YOU RECEIVE IT, CAREFULLY FOLLOW THE INSTRUCTIONS TO COMPLETE AND RETURN YOUR BALLOT TO YOUR LOCAL REGISTRAR BY 7 P.M. ON ELECTION DAY. IF YOU MAIL IT TO YOUR REGISTRAR, IT MUST BE POSTMARKED ON OR BEFORE NOVEMBER 3, 2020 AND BE RECEIVED BY NOON ON NOVEMBER 6, 2020. LEARN MORE HERE: <https://www.elections.virginia.gov/casting-a-ballot/absentee-voting/>. WE ARE RECOMMENDING THAT YOU OBTAIN AND MAIL YOUR ABSENTEE BALLOT BY OCTOBER 20TH (2 WEEKS BEFORE ELECTION DAY TO AVOID MAILING CHALLENGES). VOTING EARLY THIS YEAR WILL ENCOURAGE MORE PEOPLE TO VOTE AND ENSURE THAT THEIR VOTE COUNTS.
3. ALL REGISTERED VOTERS CAN VOTE ON ELECTION DAY. REGISTERED VOTERS CAN STILL VOTE ON NOVEMBER 3, 2020 AT A REGULAR POLLING PLACE BETWEEN 6 A.M. TO 7 P.M. TO FIND YOUR POLLING PLACE, VISIT: <https://www.elections.virginia.gov/citizen-portal/>. VOTING EARLY THIS YEAR ON ELECTION DAY WILL ENCOURAGE MORE PEOPLE TO VOTE AND ENSURE THAT THEIR VOTE COUNTS.
4. YOUR LOCAL CHURCH SHOULD HAVE ORGANIZED GET OUT THE VOTE (GOTV) EFFORTS ON NOVEMBER 3RD AND BEFORE. PLEASE MAKE YOUR CHURCH VAN AVAILABLE FOR ALL GOTV EFFORTS. LET THE PUBLIC KNOW IN ADVANCE YOUR CHURCH VAN WILL BE AVAILABLE AND A NUMBER TO CALL FOR A RIDE.

#### **VOTER IDENTIFICATION**

BRING IDENTIFICATION(ID) WITH YOU WHEN YOU GO TO VOTE IN PERSON. YOU WILL BE ASKED TO SHOW IT AND PROVIDE YOUR NAME AND ADDRESS. IF YOUR ID IS NOT ON THE LIST OF ACCEPTABLE TYPES OF ID YOU ARE NOW ALLOWED TO SIGN A SWORN STATEMENT THAT YOU ARE WHO YOU SAY YOU ARE.

Report any election problems by calling:  
1-866-OUR-VOTE (866-687-8683)

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