

#MyFaithMyVoteMyStory

The Wisconsin Interfaith Voter Engagement Campaign is asking people to make short videos relating incidents where you have encountered barriers to registering and/or voting; or explaining why your faith tradition impels you to vote and to be involved in the public square; or why your faith tradition impels you to ensure that *everyone* has the right to vote and has a voice in our democracy.



This project can be done while we are all in social isolation during this current health crisis. All you need is a smart phone to record yourself. The videos will be uploaded to YouTube and shared with our congregations and partner organizations. **While this is an ongoing project, we would like to have at least four stories to share by the end of April and at least ten by the end of May.** We hope your stories and testimonials will help inspire and energize people to be involved, get activated, and go out and vote!

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Review the My Faith, My Vote, My Story prompts below before recording
 - a. Get an idea of which prompt you would like to use and how you would like to tell your story. You may make more than one video if you would like to answer more than one prompt.
 - b. You may want to write out a script for yourself, or at least an outline. Rehearse and time yourself before you start taping!
2. Use your phone to record your story
 - a. You can record yourself, or have someone else help you
 - b. Make sure to follow along and answer each part of the prompt! ***Be as conversational as you'd like***
3. Once you are done recording, send it to the Wisconsin Interfaith Voter Engagement Campaign to be uploaded to YouTube!
 - a. **Email: wifaithvoices4justice@gmail.com**
 - b. For most phones, this can be done by:
 - i. Going to your video recording in the “Gallery” / “Photos” or “Videos” application on your phone
 - ii. Selecting the video that you want to send
 - iii. Finding the “share” button – most of the time it is in one of the screen’s corners (bottom left for iPhone users)
 - iv. Once you’ve found the “share” button, click on it and then select the email option
 - v. Type in the E-mail address listed above
 1. Make the subject line: “My Faith, My Vote, My Story Recording – YOUR NAME – YOUR ORGANIZATION / CONGREGATION”
 - a. Example: “My Faith, My Vote, My Story Recording – Johnathan – Wisconsin Faith Voices for Justice”

PROMPTS

1. Introduce yourself – PLEASE ANSWER ALL OF THESE

- i. State your first name
- ii. What is your faith background / tradition?
- iii. Are you a member of a congregation or faith community?

2. PROMPTS – Choose *one* prompt per video!

Prompt 1: What does your faith teach about voting and civic engagement?

- a. *Are there specific scripture passages or teachings that you know of?*
- b. *Does your congregation/community/organization participate in civic engagement events?*
- c. *Do you run any activities/events yourselves?*

Prompt 2: Why does your faith tradition tell you it is important to work for all voices/votes to be heard?

- d. *How do you see this understanding reflected in your congregation and/or community?*
- e. *How does this teaching inform your voter engagement efforts?*

Prompt 3: Have you experienced barriers to registering/voting?

- f. *What happened and when?*
- g. *If you encountered a barrier at a polling place, what was the explanation, if any, you were given by the poll workers?*
- h. *How did it inform/alter your civic engagement going forward?*
- i. *How did it inform/alter your faith perspective on civic engagement?*