

Navigating Elections Faithfully

Our involvement in political systems is rooted in the Gospel imperative to love our neighbors, to do justice, and to care for the vulnerable. As United Methodists, we acknowledge that love requires responsible political action and engagement aimed at the betterment of society and the promotion of the common good. We acknowledge that such political engagement demands humility and mindfulness of our own complicity in perpetuating injustice. It also necessitates compassion, prayer, and a willingness to discern God's guidance.

– Excerpt from “The Political Community” in the *United Methodist Social Principles*.

Topic:

Scripture: What are some ways the Bible addresses this issue?	Tradition: What do the Social Principles and the Book of Resolutions offer us as wisdom on this issue?
Experience: How have you experienced this issue, and how has the Holy Spirit met you in those experiences?	Reason: What does your logical reasoning say about this issue?

What do the different candidates say about the issue?

Candidate	Position

Now pause in prayer and notice how the Holy Spirit is leading you. If you have a safe group of people to discuss this with, enter into conversation with them as a part of your discernment process.