



DO'S AND DON'TS FOR CHURCHES

What Churches May Do:

- Conduct non-partisan voter registration drives
- Distribute non-partisan voter education materials, such as CTV or Michigan Family Forum Voter Guides and scorecards
- Host forums where all viable candidates are allowed to speak
- Allow candidates and elected officials to speak at church services
- Educate members about pending legislation
- Lobby for legislation and may spend an insubstantial amount of its budget (5% is safe) on direct lobbying activities
- Pastors (and members) may endorse candidates in their capacity as private citizens
- Participate fully in political committees that are independent of the church

What Churches May NOT Do:

- Endorse candidates directly or indirectly on behalf of the church
- Contribute funds or services (such as mailing lists or office equipment) directly to candidates or political committees
- Distribute materials that clearly favor any candidate or party
- Pay fees for partisan political events from church funds
- Allow candidates to solicit funds while speaking in church
- Set up a political committee that would contribute to candidates