

“Now is the time to make real the promise of democracy.”*

Despite disappointment, we must focus our energy on building the future we want for North Carolina. It all starts here, with you. Tell others about the new election rules, help people register, create a voter education ministry for your congregation. Be part of the change you seek!

6 changes in NC's election rules that affect you:

- 1.** A new voter may not register and vote on the same day. Be sure you're registered at your current address at least 25 days before Election Day.
- 2.** Early voting is cut from 17 to 10 days.
- 3.** No straight-party voting: Voters must mark their choice in each race on the ballot.
- 4.** No out-of-precinct voting: Vote in your home precinct on Election Day!
- 5.** Photo ID: In 2014 and 2015, poll officials will **ask** if you have a photo ID, but you don't need to show it. They cannot turn you away if you refuse to answer or don't have one.
- 6.** Starting in 2016, you must show a photo ID to vote inside the polls. Curbside voters with a disability and voters using a mail-in ballot don't need a photo ID.

For more rules, see
www.NCElectionConnection.com

Save this Number: Call toll-free 1-888-OUR-VOTE (888-687-8683) if you have a question about voting, experience a problem at the polls, or know someone who will have a hard time getting a photo ID.

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*“To attempt radical reform without adequate organization is like trying to sail a boat without a rudder.”**

Helpful Resources

Online resources: There is a wealth of information about the changes in voting rules and ways to get involved at www.democracy-nc.org. If you are curious about voter ID, visit www.GotIDNC.com.

Operation Jumpstart: Register new voters, monitor elections, attend workshops, or help people get IDs at www.demnc.co/jumpstart.

Learning: Democracy North Carolina, the NC NAACP and other groups offer workshops that help youth and adults develop skills in many areas:

- ◆ Advocacy: Get your issue and message heard
- ◆ Voting: How to add voters and focus their energy
- ◆ Money & Power: What's the role of money in politics and your power over it?

For more on workshops and organizing in NC, contact:

Democracy North Carolina
at 919-286-6000 or
www.democracy-nc.org

NC NAACP at 919-682-4700
or www.naacpcnc.org

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*Quotes from Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.



“We must accept finite disappointment, but never lose infinite hope.”*



Four Ways to Meet the Challenge of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

Four Positive Actions for 2014

*“Darkness cannot drive out darkness;
only light can do that”**

-Dr Martin Luther King Jr. in Stride Toward Freedom, 1958

The Moral March on Raleigh – Feb. 8

The Moral Monday Movement returns to Raleigh on February 8! Thousands of North Carolinians will march in support of voting rights, economic justice, good schools, fair courts, quality health care, and more. These are the goals of the Historic Thousands on Jones Street (H K on J) coalition.

Led by Rev. William J. Barber II and the NAACP of NC, this large coalition is changing the political culture of our state through a new moral language and witness. Be a part of this movement and show your concern about attacks on human rights. Last year, the NC General Assembly passed laws to cut unemployment benefits, deny medical coverage for 500,000 citizens, lay off teachers, give public school funds to private academies, trample women’s rights, shift taxes from the wealthy to the working poor, make it harder to vote and easier for secret money to influence elections, gut clean water protection, and more.

Join us at the Moral March on Raleigh! Gather at 9:30 am, Feb. 8, at Shaw University (corner of Wilmington and South St.) and march to the legislature, 16 W. Jones St. The march lasts a couple of hours, but the work for justice is year round. Be a part of the Forward Together Movement!

For details, go to www.HKonJ.com
or call 1-866-NC-NAACP toll free.

All Elections Matter. Go Vote!

Even when the president is not on the ballot, every election is vital! The people elected make decisions that affect virtually every aspect of your life.

This year, a majority of the NC Supreme Court judges and 3 Court of Appeals judges are up for election. So is US Sen. Kay Hagan. And the entire NC General Assembly, local judges, county commissioners, many sheriffs and other officials. Learn about the candidates, tell others – and vote!



Jumpstart the Vote!

North Carolina went from one of the 12 worst states for voter turnout to one of the 12 best in 2012 – but many rules for voting are changing. People may be confused about cuts to Early Voting, ID rules for 2016, and other changes. We must not let the new restrictions push people away from voting!

You can help: Work with Democracy NC, NC Council of Churches, League of Women Voters and other groups to Jumpstart the Vote in 2014!

Volunteers are needed to register voters, monitor local boards of elections, serve as poll observers, and help people get IDs for voting. You’ll work with other volunteers in your area as part of a coordinated statewide effort.

To sign up, visit www.demnc.co/jumpstart or call the Democracy NC office: 919-286-6000.

March 2014 – Voter Registration Month

People can no longer register and vote on the same day during Early Voting. The absolute deadline to register to vote in the 2014 Primary Election is April 11, so we are declaring March “Voter Registration Month.”

Make sure your family and friends are registered at their current address; remind people through Facebook, Twitter, or an email to your contacts.

Join a voter registration drive or organize your own for a high school, community college, congregation, or neighborhood. Ask people if they will need an ID, too. Democracy North Carolina can help you get involved. Visit www.demnc.co/jumpstart to sign up to volunteer.