



Saving Democracy: Voting for our Lives

Our democracy has been under assault, from political divides, breakdown in civil discourse, conspiracy movements, mob violence, and insurrection. Each of us has the responsibility to stay informed, seek out truth, promote conversation, and apply our civic rights. The key to saving democracy is supporting underrepresented communities as they exercise their voice and their vote.



The Social Justice Ministry ventured into these issues with its non-partisan voting initiative for the 2020 and 2022 elections. It was a perfect melding of our racial justice work and our commitment to promote voting in these important elections. We could have partnered with any number of groups that were targeting battleground states with important Get Out the Vote efforts. We decided to put our energy and resources into the work of the Center for Common Ground and UU the Vote. The Center for Common Ground, through its Reclaim Our Vote project, helps people of color in mostly Southern states where voter suppression tactics are playing out in systematic and horrendous ways. We intend to continue this partnership in future elections.

By sending over 10,000 postcards for each election and making

thousands of phone calls, we not only helped voters of color to participate in our democracy, but we learned about the effort required to successfully combat forceful voter suppression. With this new experience and knowledge, we continue to promote democracy by advocating for election reforms in Connecticut and nationally.

We will also pursue other civic engagement and education opportunities to encourage learning and conversation about issues vital to our democracy. We will support our partnership with our Association's UU the Vote initiative (uuthevote.org) and Center for Common Ground (centerforcommonground.org), as they lead us into new efforts to bring marginalized citizens into civic participation.

