

# “Voting is the foundation stone for political action.”\*

Dr. King said, “This is no time for apathy or complacency. This is a time for vigorous and positive action.” You are called to lead in 2016: It’s your time! Get flyers with the election rules to share with others. Help people register and vote. Create a voter engagement ministry in your congregation.

## Tips For Voting In 2016: The Primary is March 15

**1. Photo ID:** You can vote with or without a NC driver’s license or other photo ID. The poll worker will ask for an ID, but if you don’t have one, you can vote by giving the last 4 digits of your Social Security number and birth date.

**2. Register Early:** Register at your current address at least 25 days before Election Day. Check your registration at [www.demnc.co/myreg](http://www.demnc.co/myreg) or call 888-OUR-VOTE. You must update your registration if you move.

**3. Vote Early:** Vote during the Early Voting period (find locations at [www.ncsbe.gov](http://www.ncsbe.gov)). Avoid possible bad weather and last-day lines on Election Day.

**4. Election Day:** If you wait until Election Day, you must vote in your precinct’s polling place. Don’t go to an Early Voting site on that day.

**5. Unaffiliated Voters:** You may ask for the Democratic or Republican ballot in the primary.

For more rules, see [www.NCVoter.org](http://www.NCVoter.org).

**SAVE THIS HELP HOTLINE: Call 888-OUR-VOTE (888-687-8683)**

Call this hotline if you have a question about voting, experience a problem at the polls, or know someone unable to vote in 2016.

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

## Helpful Resources

Dr. King stressed the importance of combining study with action: “Education without social action is a one-sided value because it has no true power potential. Social action without education is a weak expression of pure energy.”

**Learn & Act:** Learn about the new voting rules. Help people get IDs. Hold a registration day with your congregation or group. Call Democracy NC for help or visit [demnc.co/ourtime](http://demnc.co/ourtime). Democracy North Carolina and the NC NAACP sponsor workshops and grassroots projects that help youth and adults develop skills and have an impact in their communities.

For more about activities and materials, contact:

**Democracy North Carolina**  
919-286-6000 or  
[www.democracy-nc.org](http://www.democracy-nc.org)

**NC NAACP**  
919-682-4700 or  
[www.naacpnc.org](http://www.naacpnc.org)



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



**Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.  
Calls Us to Lead in 2016**

# It's Our Time, It's Our Vote



“Human progress is neither automatic nor inevitable,” Dr. King said. “Every step toward the goal of justice requires [the] passionate concern of dedicated individuals.”

We must show our concern for justice this election year. We must volunteer to lead voter registration and education efforts. We must encourage our faith centers and other groups to help people see the value of voting. “Necessity will draw us toward the power inherent in the creative use of politics,” said Dr. King.

**This is the year when sheriffs, district attorneys and judges are elected, when “Black Lives Matter” is on the ballot. This is the year we elect a governor, legislators and county commissioners who will make decisions that affect our health, income, education, safety, civil rights, and family life. This is the year we elect a US Senator and the next President.**

Contact the groups on the back cover to be a leader for voting in 2016.

## 1 The Moral March on Raleigh: February 13, 2016

Attend this inspirational rally and march. Hear from the people most affected by the policies adopted by state lawmakers.

You're invited to this 10th people's assembly of the Historic Thousands on Jones Street coalition (HKonJ), led by the Rev. William J. Barber II and the NC NAACP. Gather at 9:00 am, Feb. 13, at the Raleigh Memorial



Auditorium, 2 E. South St., and march to the State Capital. Show your support for justice and learn about the work ahead for 2016.

For details, go to [www.HKonJ.com](http://www.HKonJ.com) or call toll free 1-866-NC-NAACP.

## 2 Souls to the Polls

Congregations and faith groups can sponsor non-partisan events that help people register, understand the election rules and who's on the ballot, and get a ride to the polls.

“Souls to the Polls” is not just about going to vote on Sunday. It's about helping faithful members become faithful voters. It could mean holding a special voter education Freedom Day service, or conducting a registration drive in a nearby neighborhood, or offering rides to the polls. Hundreds of churches and faith groups will assemble members on Saturday or Sunday, March 5 or 6, to go vote during early voting in the 2016 primary.

Call 888-OUR-VOTE (888-687-8683) to learn how your congregation or group can participate in Souls to the Polls.

## 3 Be a Vote Protector

In 2014, hundreds of volunteers were stationed at the polls to help voters and to document problems created by North Carolina's new election rules.

The volunteers had “Vote Protector” t-shirts, report forms, and a cell-phone to connect voters with experts who resolved their issues.

You can be trained to be a non-partisan Vote Protector in 2016. Your service is needed!

You can also join a volunteer team to distribute voter education flyers, register people to vote, monitor local board of elections meetings, drive voters to the polls, and more. These efforts are independent of any political party.

To learn more, visit [www.demnc.co/ourtime](http://www.demnc.co/ourtime) or call the Democracy NC office at 919-286-6000.

