FAITH IN ACTION: 2025 FEDERAL ELECTION RESOURCES

As faith communities, and registered charities, we don't promote or critique only one party. We address all of them, we focus on how their policies affect people and planet, and we expect accountability of all of them.

Below are some suggested principles and issue-specific resources to help people of faith engage the federal election process.



PRINCIPLES

These are just a few ideas. What would you add?

We are called to speak up for what we believe in, not only what we oppose.

We are called to name our values, including what our faith calls us to. We live in a polarized and often anxious world and country, and it's easy to focus on what we oppose. Try to ask others, especially those you disagree with, to name their values and their hopes. Respond rather than react, working with communal and individual spiritual and faith resources.

Encourage people to engage the whole process, and vote. Watch out for dis/misinformation. We are all vulnerable to it, because it's tailored to spark an instant emotional reaction and to reinforce what we already believe. Always check your sources, and think before you post or share. Ask others for their sources if big, polarizing, or unlikely claims or situations are being presented as real.

Be aware that targeted and vulnerable communities are often the target of dis/misinformation, and be aware of the spiritual and emotional impact of this targeting.

Put another way by our Mennonite family members:

"I commit to loving my neighbours in the following ways:

- Listen with curiosity and compassion
- Speak with authenticity and integrity
- Act for the good of my community, here at home and around the world"

SOME KEY RESOURCES

These don't cover everything, though we will add as we go. Choose your focus/ foci, and develop or use some key questions from the resources below. Write those out to have them handy by your phone, computer, or door, or at an allcandidates' meeting.

SPECIFIC JUSTICE CONCERNS: CHOOSE WHAT YOU ARE CALLED TO PRIORITIZE CLIMATE JUSTICE

Faith and the Common Good- Interfaith advocacy group For the Love of Creation- Interfaith Advocacy Nature Canada- Election 2025 Platform

GUARANTEED LIVABLE INCOME

United Church of Canada – Guaranteed Livable Income

HEALTHCARE

<u>Canadian Public Healthcare Association</u> election focus issues

HOUSING

Housing coalition policy plan. Further details on each key point are found here.

INDIGENOUS RIGHTS

KAIROS Canada election resources

PALESTINE AND ISRAEL JUSTICE AND PEACE

<u>Vote Palestine</u>: A coalition that includes Jewish, Muslim, Christian, and secular groups

2SLGBTQIA+ RIGHTS

<u>Human rights of gender-diverse/ 2SLGBTQIA people</u> (Momentum Canada) and <u>voting issues campaign by Egale Canada</u>.