

AME V-ALERT



VOTER REGISTRATION EDUCATION and MOBILIZATION

Report

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“Blessed are the voters with pure hearts, who educate and encourage voters with apathy and disillusionments to register and VOTE, for they shall see a VOTER turnout on Election Day.”

(Rev. Dr. Mankekolo Mahlangu-Ngcobo of South Africa A.M.E. Church)

To President Donald Russell, other officers and members of the Florida Conference Lay Organization:

Mission Statement

The mission of Voter Registration, Education and Mobilization (Get Out the Vote), is to inspire, encourage, and create a sense of urgency for a strong voter turn out of African Americans in all elections, especially the 2026 Florida gubernatorial election.

Goal:

To increase the number of African Americans registered voters and voters within and beyond the geographical boundary of the Florida Conference.

Objectives:

1. To identify, encourage, and assist un-registered members in your local church, neighborhood/ and the immediate neighborhoods/ Service Area to register and to vote in all elections.
2. To identify, encourage and assist youths ages 16 and 17 years old to pre-register to vote and youths aged 18 to register and to vote.

3. To identify and inform persons with past felony convictions of their restoration of voting rights according to Florida's Amendment 4. Encourage and assist them to register and to vote.
4. Encourage pastor of local churches to conduct a 100% Congregational Voter Registration Survey to determine registered and non-registered members.
 - Encourage registered voters to vote and check their registration and voting status.
 - Encourage and assist non-registered members to register and to vote.
5. Visit your County Office of Election and obtain a copy of the following important resources:
 - A copy of African American registered voters in your city or town. You may need to pay a small fee, but it is very important. It is a tool for identifying registered and unregistered voters
 - A copy of the County 2026 Voter Guide
6. To group or organize local churches by counties and assist local church and County Coordinator.
7. To review and keep an update on all legislative bills or issues that suppress the political participation and voting rights of African Americans.
 - Florida's new voting laws
 - Senate Bill 7050 (SB70)
 - Senate Bill 900 (SB 90)
 - Project 25
 - Redistricting
8. To support and coordinate with the Episcopal Coordinator in their Get Out The Vote (GOTV) Plan of Action for the 2026 Florida gubernatorial election, Rev. Jimmie Dickie and Sister Sharon Russell, Episcopal Coordinators of Voter Registration, Education and Mobilization, and Rev. Dr. Ronney Clark, Episcopal Coordinator of Social Justice.
9. Coordinate the inclusion of a Voter Registration, Education and GOTV Learning Lab at our Fifth Saturday meetings.
10. To present workshop "Be Informed Before Going to the Polls"
11. Encourage local church to participate or set a day for "Souls to the Polls"
12. Know key election and other important dates.

I encourage every local church to download or obtain a copy of the [AME V Alert Toolkit](#).

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