



The United Holy Church of America, Inc.

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To the Membership of the United Holy Church of America, Inc.

*“Chose for your tribes wise, understanding and experienced men, and I will appoint them as your heads.”
Deuteronomy 1:13*

Greetings.

On November 6th, voters all across this country will go to the polls to elect candidates from the Federal Government to Water and Soil Conservation Representatives. I want to make sure you are among those voters.

I'm not telling you who to support, but I am asking that you vote.

Our ancestors marched, rallied and lost their lives so that we might have the right to vote. State houses across the country have taken a number of measures to make voting more difficult, from voter IDs to limiting early voting to creating gerrymandered districts that limit your ability to select a candidate of your choice. I'm asking you to not let those efforts deter you.

If you live in an area where early voting is held, take advantage of that opportunity. Some employers will allow you time off to vote and because polls are open from early morning to late evening, find the time to make your voice heard. And if you know you will be unable to vote in person, request, complete and mail in an absentee ballot.

Many of you don't believe that your one vote will make a difference. But I believe that you ought to give it a try to see if it works. Besides, if you don't vote, you are in essence voting. You are making a choice to support the opposition.

And while I won't tell you what candidates to support, I will ask that you educate yourself on the people asking for your support. Be prayerful about your decision. The Lord will not have us unaware of Satan's schemes. As such, don't just listen to them or shake their hands when they show up on Sunday mornings dressed in their best. Go to candidate forums. Use the internet to find out their backgrounds and see if what they say aligns with what they have done previously.

Ask questions. Do your homework. We spend time researching a car, house appliance and other items before we make a purchase. Our vote is no less important.

Find those people who will support the needs of all of us. Not just the few who have the means and funds to pressure candidates to support their causes.

Find those candidates, male or female, who support affordable health care, educating all children and paying a living wage. Find those who will use tax dollars for the programs and projects we support. Find those candidates who seek to unite us as Americans and not divide us into black and white, Republican and Democrat, liberal and conservative, north and south, east and west, blue collar and white collar or whatever they can use to keep us apart.

Results from primary elections in various parts of the country have shown that when we join together as like-minded people, seeking justice and expressing love, we elect candidates that have our best interests at heart.

And while I know that none of us are sin free, find people who have the kind of morals and ethics that you can support. Don't be fooled by people who spout off selected verses and scriptures to tickle your ears, but whose lives and actions don't fall in line with the teachings of Jesus.

We are called to love each other.
We are called to live justly.
We are called to walk humbly.

Micah 6:6-8 says *"Wherewith shall I come before the Lord, and bow myself before the high God? Shall I come before him with burnt offerings, with calves of a year old? Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams, or with ten thousands of rivers of oil? Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul? He hath shewed thee, O man, what is good; and what doth the Lord require of thee, but to do justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God?"*

Since this is what he requires of us, we should require no less from those people whom we elect to serve us. Deuteronomy 1:13 first asks us to choose and once we choose, He will appoint. Voting is your opportunity to choose. Choose wisely. Vote.

Humbly submitted by your Servant,

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