



## **Voting is not just a RIGHT; It is our RESPONSIBILITY**

**W**e have seen the degradation of politics in America.

Most of us have also complained about the behavior of some running for office this year. We are also concerned about problems like the economy, unemployment, education, crime rate, terrorism, poverty and so forth. The list just keeps growing! Many citizens really want to do something to change things, but feel helpless and powerless.

Years ago, President Abraham Lincoln defined democracy as a government – **“Of the People, By the People, and For the People.”** Many may ask if the government is really working for them or even concerned about them. Some citizens are struggling just to make ends meet, while others are getting richer.

In a democratic government, elections are our biggest opportunity to bring about change and **VOTE is our biggest weapon for this change.** We are blessed to live in a democratic society where we have the right to vote. If we are worried about our future and the future of our nation, then all of us must cast our votes. **Voting is not only our Right, in fact, it is our responsibility as citizens** and we must fulfill it with seriousness. We all must prayerfully cast our ballots and inspire others to do the same because, along with the Lord’s help, this is the strongest weapon that we have for change and progress in our country.

Study the issues and vote wisely. Pray over the issues and allow the Lord to guide you in making wise choices. Don’t get caught up in the *muck and mire* of this election cycle, study the issues and vote your conscience.

Be inspired by what John F. Kennedy said in his Inaugural Address, January 20, 1961:

*“Finally, whether you are citizens of America or citizens of the world, ask of us the same high standards of strength and sacrifice which we ask of you. With a good conscience our only sure reward, with history the final judge of our deeds, let us go forth to lead the land we love, asking His blessing and His help, but knowing that here on earth God's work must truly be our own. Ask not what the country has done for you. Ask what you have done for the country.’ So, if we can’t do anything else for our country, let’s at least cast our vote with responsibility and let’s unite to bring positive changes in our life and to make our own future better.”*

~<http://www.youthkiawaaz.com/2009/03/voting-is-not-just-a-right-it-is-our-responsibility/> (revised by Margie Yates)

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### **Voter Registration Drive**

A voter registration drive was held at Union Baptist Church on October 6 – 11, 2016. A special thank you is extended to **Sis. Renita Foster and her committee** for a job well-done! ~~Pastor Yates

# Early in Person Voting – Hamilton County, Ohio

## For the November 8, 2016 Election



**Anyone who is registered to vote in Ohio and resides in Hamilton County can cast their vote early.**

**If you do not vote early, please cast your vote at your local polling place on election day, Tuesday, November 8, 2016. Polls open 6:30 am – 7:30 pm.**

### **Early Voting Times:**

October	12-21	M-F	8 am – 5 pm
October	24-28	M-F	8 am – 6 pm
October	29	SAT	8 am – 4 pm
October	30	SUN	1 pm – 5 pm
October	31	MON	8 am – 7 pm
November	1-4	T-F	8 am – 7 pm
November	5	SAT	8 am – 4 pm
<b>November</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>SUN</b>	<b>1 pm – 5 pm</b>
<b>November</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>MON</b>	<b>8 am – 2 pm</b>

### **Early Voting Location:**

**Board of Elections Office  
824 Broadway  
Cincinnati, Ohio 45202**

Any Questions Dial: 513-632-7039 or 513-632-7044; Voter Guide: <http://www.lwvcincinnati.org/election2016.html>

There are exceptions for Military voters and voters who are hospitalized or whose minor child is hospitalized due to an accident or unforeseeable medical emergency. Contact the Board at the numbers listed above if you or your minor child is in the hospital on Election Day.