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Citizenship Sunday

Liaison Reporting Form

*Please complete this form and fax it to the Christian Coalition State Office
on Monday Following Citizenship Sunday*

Fax: (330) 887-1923

Number of Voter Registration Cards Completed and delivered _____

Church Information

(Please Print)

Church Name _____ Pastor's Name _____

Church Mailing Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ County _____

Church Phone () _____ Church Fax () _____

Church Email Address _____

Liaison Information

(Please Print)

Mr. _____ Mrs. _____ Miss _____ Dr. _____ Other _____

Last Name _____ First Name _____ Middle _____

Liaison's Home Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ County _____

Home Phone () _____ Work Phone () _____ Fax () _____

Email Address _____

What a Church and Pastor Can and Can Not Do Legally

What A Church MAY DO

- Engage in Voter Registration that refrains from stressing a particular political party.
- Distribute Material that is educational to voters, but which refrains from favoring any particular candidate or party, such as the Christian Coalition Voter Guide.
- Conduct candidate or issues forums where each duly qualified candidate is invited and provided an equal opportunity to speak.
- Allow candidates or elected officials to speak at church services. Churches that allow only one candidate or a single political party's candidate to speak can be seen as favoring that candidate or party. No candidate should be prohibited from addressing a church if others running for the same office have been allowed to speak.
- A church can influence legislation through lobbying. A church may spend no more than an insubstantial amount of it's annual budget (5 percent is a safe amount) on direct lobbying activities.
- Contribute funds to citizen organizations such as Christian Coalition. The 5 percent rule applies here as well and is inclusive of all lobbying. Lobbying activities and contributions combined should not exceed 5 percent of the church's annual budget.
- Pastors may endorse candidates in their capacity as private citizens and may even allow their title to be used in that endorsement. The fact that a pastor is an employee of a church no way removes his right to free speech as a citizen of the United States.
- Pastors may participate fully in political committees that are independent of the church.

What A Church MAY NOT DO

- A pastor may not endorse candidates on behalf of the church. A pastor should not directly or indirectly endorse a candidate from the pulpit or otherwise in a church meeting.
- Contribute funds or services (such as mailing lists or office equipment) directly to candidates or political committees.
- Allow the distribution of material that favors any one candidate or political party.
- Pay fees for political events from church funds.
- Set up a political committee that would contribute funds directly to political candidates.
- No candidate should be allowed to solicit funds while speaking at a church.

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Christian Coalition Fact Sheet

Organization - Non-Partisan 501(c)4 Non-Profit Education & Lobbying Organization
 We do not endorse candidates
 We Are Issues Driven

Mission Statement -We believe that people of faith have a right and a responsibility to be involved in the world around them. That involvement includes social, community and political action.

- Goal I. - REPRESENT CHRISTIANS BEFORE Local Councils, State Legislatures, and Congress
- Goal II. - Speak out in the public arena and in the media
- Goal III. -Train Christian leaders for effective social and political action
- Goal IV. - Inform Christians about timely issues & pending legislation
- Goal V. - Protest anti-Christian bias and defend the legal rights of Christians

Area of Involvement

- **Defending the institution of marriage**
- **Strengthening the family**
- **Returning education to local & parental control**
- **Punishing criminals & defending victims' rights**
- **Protecting innocent human life**
- **Protecting religious freedom**
- **Easing the tax burden on families**
- **Protecting young people & our communities from the pollution of pornography**
- **Protecting our communities from the expansion of gambling**

Voter Guide Distribution - Legal - US Supreme Court Decision

CHRISTIAN COALITION - WINS FEC CASE

Court Says Groups Voter Guides Are Not Partisan

CHESAPEAKE -- A federal judge's ruling allows Christian Coalition of America and its state affiliates the continued right to distribute voter education material -- voter guides -- in churches and in the public square as a way of educating voters about candidate positions on issues of interest to religious conservative voters.