



— THE EPISCOPAL DIOCESE OF TENNESSEE —

BELOVED COMMUNITY

Commission *for* Racial Reconciliation

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Democracy and voting rights are as sacred as they are personal. The Beloved Community Commission of the Episcopal Diocese of Tennessee is joining NOAH (Nashville Organized for Action and Hope) organization members throughout Nashville to strive for 100% registration and voting among all eligible members. As John Lewis so beautifully expressed in his New York Times essay, printed on the day of his funeral, “The vote is the most powerful nonviolent change agent you have in a democratic society. You must use it because it is not guaranteed. You can lose it.”

We are asking you today to make a personal pledge ensuring that you are registered and ready to vote in the November election. We also encourage you to reach out to your fellow Episcopalians in the Diocese and encourage them to complete the pledge. With your help and influence we are confident we can reach 100% of eligible voters in the diocese. The pledge card can be found here: ["My Vote is Sacred" Pledge](#)

Our campaign kicks-off today! Our theme is simple and non-partisan... “My Vote is Sacred”. We need your help making sure this message reaches every member. When you complete the pledge, you will find opportunities to participate in the NOAH Public Meeting on October 25, as well as information on the Beloved Community Commission website, listed above, with everything you need to know as you make your way to the polls.

We hope you will commit to democracy and take this pledge today!

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