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## Voter Registration for the Nov. 3 Presidential Election 2020!

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### **VOTE - NOT because we have perfect candidates; but because THE STAKES ARE SO HIGH!**

The federal court system has ruled that college students may register to vote in a state other than their state of legal residence in order to exercise their privilege to vote. Whether you vote in your home state with an absentee ballot or register in Dade County, GA, I encourage you to exercise your right to vote. **The Presidential and General Election is on Tuesday, November 3, 2020. Different states have different registration deadlines, and to vote in Georgia on November 3, you must be registered by Monday, October 5, 2020.**

Romans 13:1-7 describes why we are to submit to our governing authorities. In the U.S. political system, one of the ways we support and change the governing system we submit to is by electing responsible public servants. Information about candidates and elections can easily be found through websites to become informed before making choices between candidates. Certain local races will address issues that students may want to leave to the full-year residents of Dade County and the city of Trenton, GA. If that is the case for you, simply abstain from voting in those particular elections and vote in the local, state and/or national elections that the Lord directs to participate. Be a responsible and engaged citizen!

There will be a Voter Registration Table in the Carter Hall Lobby several days over the next few weeks to assist students with understanding their voting options and providing Georgia registration and absentee applications for students and Georgia employees. These will start Wednesday 9/16 & 23 from 11:00-2:00, and Thursday 9/17 & 24 from 11:00-1:00. There are also resources at [www.becauseicare.us](http://www.becauseicare.us) that can help you locate information for your zip code and provide electronic reminders. We are looking for volunteers who are interested in politics and would like to help with this table. Please contact Rodney Miller (see contact information below).

### **Here are the options for Voter Registration:**

#### **1. Students preferring to maintain their voter registration in their state of legal residence should request an absentee ballot from that state.**

*If a student is a resident of Georgia* and needs to request an absentee ballot, you can get the address of your election board from *My Voter Page* on the state website [www.sos.state.ga.us/elections](http://www.sos.state.ga.us/elections) under the Voter Info tab. An absentee ballot should be requested early to allow sufficient time to have the ballot mailed and be returned before November 3.

*For residents of other states*, contact the registrar's office in your home town. Search the internet for the Secretary of State Office or Google for example "Indiana absentee ballot" for your state to determine the process to request an absentee ballot. You should begin this process as soon as possible to determine any application deadline and allow time to request, receive and return an absentee ballot before Election Day.

#### **2. To be eligible to vote in Dade County, GA, you must submit a registration application that is processed by the Secretary of State Office or the Dade County Board of Elections Office.**

An Application for Voter Registration in GA can be picked up from the Voter Registration Table or in the Office of Records in Carter Hall 149. Then, visit the office or call to confirm that Rodney Miller, the Dean of Records will be in the office for a two-minute appointment to finalize and submit the application. Sample

forms are available to help students include the correct information for a smooth process. A student can also register to vote if they apply for a GA driver's license. Covenant students registering in the state of Georgia are canceling any previous registration in their state of legal residence. Registering to vote in the state of Georgia does not change your state of legal residence for financial aid purposes.

Qualifications for Voter Registration:

1. Must be a citizen of the United States.
2. Must be at least 18 years of age on or before election day.
3. Must not be serving a sentence for having been convicted of a felony.
4. Must not be judicially declared to be mentally incompetent.

Sample ballots, qualified candidates, proposed constitutional amendments and/or statewide referendums are generally available on the internet under a Secretary of State webpage in your state. In Georgia, Early Voting times and a sample ballot are available on *My Voter Page*.

**If registered to vote in Dade County, GA (option 2. above), how and where do students vote?**

When students go to the polls, take your ScotsCard photo ID as well as a valid driver's license or state issued photo ID from the state of legal residence. In Dade County, other than absentee voting, there are two options to vote:

● **Early Voting from October 13 - 30, 2020**

Georgia has Early Voting allowing any Dade County registered voter to go to the Board of Elections Office to vote at the Administration Building, 71 Case Avenue, Trenton, GA 30752 (12 miles and 20 minute drive). In Dade County, it is open:

- October 13 - 30, 2020
  - Monday - Thursday 8:00am - 5:00pm
  - Friday 8:00am - 2:00pm
- On Saturday, October 24, 2020 9:00am - 4:00pm

● **Election Day - Tuesday, November 3, 2020**

The polling place for Covenant students is the West Brow Community Center (approximately five miles South of the front entrance of Covenant) 7:00am - 7:00pm. Directions will be publicized closer to Election Day, and are available on *My Voter Page*.

If you have any questions, please contact Rodney Miller at [miller@covenant.edu](mailto:miller@covenant.edu) or visit the Office of Records, Carter Hall 149.

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