

Politicians pay attention to the priorities of people who vote.

And the more regularly you vote, the more likely your priorities will matter to candidates for office on every level. Non-voters can send emails, write letters of the editor, go to protests, and put out campaign signs, but **if they don't vote, their priorities don't make it onto politicians' radar.**



Political campaigns pay attention to the concerns of voters. To get elected, candidates use the public voting record to contact the people who actually show up at the polls on election day. When those for whom the environment is a priority don't vote, legislative priorities get set by those who do. Only when the climate crisis is a priority to voters, will it become a priority to legislators.

There are not nearly enough voters in this country for whom the climate crisis is a priority. The Environmental Voter Project estimates that about **15 million people** who consider the environment a priority **don't vote.** That is why your vote as a person of faith who cares about important issues - like inflation and racism and immigration and rising prescription costs and voter suppression - matters.

And that is why the Environmental Ministries Team has partnered with the [Environmental Voter Project](#). The Environmental Voter Project (EVP) is a non-partisan, nonprofit organization whose mission is to get more environmental supporters to vote in every election. The Environmental Voter Project does not endorse candidates or tell people how to vote. They follow up with each pledger reminding them to vote in each of their upcoming elections – local, state and national – because reminding someone of their pledge to vote can dramatically increase that person's likelihood of voting.

We can't solve the serious problems we face if we do not begin to address the climate emergency. Together can make the climate crisis a priority, and only when it is a priority to voters will it become a priority to legislators.

To learn more about the Environmental Voter Project (EVP) and its partnership with the Faith Matters Voter Challenge, view this 2022 Super Saturday webinar "Living Out the Gospel in Each and Every Election" with Nathaniel Stinnett, founder and executive director of EVP <https://vimeo.com/692394140/ef41b6afa6>. This video is a great discussion starter for your Green Team or small group to promote the Creation Care Voter Pledge in your congregation and raise awareness about this important way for all of us to make a difference