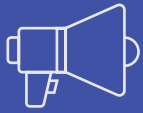


# ELECTION 2021



## WHY VOTE?

**While the Bible doesn't talk about "voting" it does talk about Christians getting involved in the life of our community.**

- In the tradition of the prophets, God calls us to build just communities by speaking up for those who cannot speak for themselves, and to seek the good of our neighbours and nation. Proverbs 31:8,9; Jeremiah 19:5,6
- We need to pray for our leaders, for wisdom and guidance. 1Timothy 2:1,2
- Jesus taught us to pray, "God's will be done on earth as it is in heaven", and he invites us to be part of that transformation. Matthew 6:10

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## WHO SHOULD I VOTE FOR?

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- The Salvation Army is not going to influence your vote, nor will it attempt to sway you to one party over another because we recognize people have diverse perspectives.
- 5 political parties held seats in Parliament before this election, and if we polled all Faith communities, we would find no single party holds a monopoly on this population.

Dr. James Read highlights our responsibility to work towards creating a just and fair society. Read more at the [Public Affairs Election 2021 site](#).



## WHAT IS THE SALVATION ARMY SAYING ABOUT ISSUES THAT AFFECT CANADIANS?

- The Salvation Army has voiced concerns with government or issued calls to action on issues affecting Canadians including:
  - ◇ Injustices facing Indigenous Communities
  - ◇ Racism
  - ◇ The Implications of a cash-lite society for low-income Canadians
  - ◇ The impact of the pandemic on people experiencing homelessness
- The Salvation Army has International Positional Statements on topics affecting our neighbours, our nation, and our world. The Ethics Centre provides articles and resources on many important topics: The [Ethics Centre](#).

Find more in-depth articles, resources, and insights The Salvation Army addresses on our [Public Affairs Election 2021 site](#).



## HOW DO I REGISTER TO VOTE?

- All Canadian Citizens aged 18+ can vote in the Federal Election September 20, 2021.
- Inform yourself about those things which promote the common good for all Canadians, and speak to your local candidates about topics that concern you.
- You can find all the resources and information you need to vote at the Elections Canada site <https://www.elections.ca/>

Follow our election bloggers, Dr. James Read, Dr. Aimee Patterson, Ben Riche, Captain Crystal Porter, Mark Braye and Dani Shaw on our Public Affairs blog. The blogs as well as links to other resources and articles can be found on the Public Affairs site at: <https://salvationist.ca/public-affairs/election2021>