



Election Hero Day: Oct. 20

Congregational Engagement Toolkit

Election Hero Day is a nonpartisan national celebration that recognizes the contributions of election officials, their staff, and poll workers. Celebrating and thanking election officials and poll workers helps sustain our neighbors and friends and inspire our communities to participate in the hard work required to maintain a healthy democracy. This toolkit is designed to help your congregation plan an Election Hero Day thank-you card activity.

Thank-You Card Activity: Sunday, Oct. 18

On Sunday, Oct. 18, we invite you to organize a thank-you card-writing activity.

Supplies Needed

- Blank pieces of paper and/or thank-you cards
- Pens, pencils, markers, crayons
- Sample text and children's worksheet (see pages 3-4)
- *Optional: Other art materials like stamps, stickers, etc.*

Plan the Activity

Step 1: Identify a time and place for the activity, and get any necessary permissions.

You may wish to plan this activity during coffee hour, before or after worship. You could put supplies on tables or pass them out.

If your church has a child/youth program, consider making this a part of their lessons.

Everyone can participate – even the youngest children can draw pictures for their election officials! These handmade touches are often what is most appreciated.

Step 2: Gather the supplies listed above.

Step 3: Find your election official and determine how you plan to deliver the thank-you cards.

Look up your municipal clerk at myvote.wi.gov/en-us/My-Municipal-Clerk

If possible, identify the name(s) of the people you want to write to.

Consider calling ahead to find out how the office would like you to deliver thank-you cards. Is it okay for someone to come by and drop off the cards in-person, or do they prefer that you mail them?

Determine who will deliver the cards. Try to delivery them on Tuesday, October 20, but if that's not possible, they will be appreciated anytime!

Step 4: Announce your plans.

Share information about the activity a week or two beforehand through announcements, your church newsletter, church bulletins, and/or social media. A customizable sample blurb is below:

Thank Election Officials Activity: Election Hero Day

October 20 is Election Hero Day. Please join us on Sunday, Oct. 18, for a thank-you-card writing activity **[when, where]**. All supplies will be provided. We invite everyone – children, youth, and adults! – to join us in thanking our hardworking election officials.

Step 5: Host your event!

Put out your supplies, remind people to join you by making a brief announcement as you get started, and have fun!

Step 6: Deliver the cards.

Collect the cards that people create, put them into a large envelope, and deliver them to your municipal clerk's office.

Election Hero Day: Sample Text for Thank-You Cards

Below are sample texts you can use if you are looking for inspiration for your cards. You can write anything supportive that you would like, and/or draw a picture! (Just be sure to keep it nonpartisan and positive.)



Dear **[name, or “Election Officials”]**,

Happy Election Hero Day!

Today we celebrate the election officials, poll workers, and all other staff and volunteers who keep our elections running smoothly.

Thank you for devoting your time and energy to administering elections in **[your location]**. I’m grateful to people like you who work tirelessly to make sure my voice is counted.

Keep up the great work!

Sincerely,

[Your name]

Dear **[name, or “Election Officials”]**,

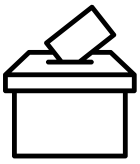
Happy Election Hero Day!

I want to thank you for the time and energy you dedicate to administering our elections. I’m grateful to people like you for your work and dedication.

Keep up the great work!

Sincerely,

[Your name]



Thank You, Election Officials!

Dear _____ ,

Happy Election Hero Day!

Thank you for _____

Sincerely,

Age: _____