

## CALL TO RESIST: Voting Rights

### Lent 4: Week of March 27

Voting rights are under assault from the swirling powers of sinful white supremacy in the United States. Our faith in the One Who Turned Tables Against Injustice calls us to respond.

As Christine shared, “Decisions by the US Supreme Court over the past decade have weakened federal oversight of elections, resulting in an alarming number of states enacting laws and using other means such as gerrymandering to restrict access to the polls, especially for low-income, non-white and other historically marginalized members of our communities. The *John R. Lewis Voting Rights Advancement Act*, named for the late civil rights hero and long-term Congressman from Georgia, would modernize and revitalize the Voting Rights Act of 1965 by strengthening legal protections against discriminatory voting policies. The House passed the bill in 2021, but it has stalled in the Senate.”

- Urge your Senator to pass the John R. Lewis Voting Rights Act (via link from ACLU). Invite a relative/ friend in another state!
- Sign this petition from Common Cause MA to support the VOTES Act to keep mail-in voting
- Sign this petition from Common Cause MA to support Same Day Voter Registration here in MA.
- If you live in another state than MA, do some research and support voting rights in your watershed(s)!
- Support the Environmental Voter Project Needham, MA Phone Bank
- Write Postcards for Swing State in PA for May primaries
- Sign up for Ecumenical Advocacy Days (April 25-27 online): “Fierce Urgency” including webinars on how to protect voting rights.