

Election DOs & DON'Ts



For Pastors & Leaders



Cornerstone

DO



Educate the congregation on the issues. Exhort from the Scriptures, from church history, & current events



Employ Cornerstone's website resources to guide when preaching/teaching about current topics



Direct them to other trusted resources on the candidates and issues, such as: www.cornerstoneactionpac.org (NH) & www.frcactionpac.org (US)



Encourage the congregation to reach out to candidates to get to know them personally and understand their positions



Exhort the congregation to GO VOTE!

DON'T



Ignore the cultural issues that everyone is talking about anyways! Your congregation WANTS to hear your perspective from the pulpit



Endorse candidates by name or tell your congregation specifically how to vote on a particular NH ballot question using official church channels

THE JOHNSON AMENDMENT

The 1954 IRS rule vaguely prohibiting non-profit organizations, including churches, from "participating" and "intervening" in elections. It is clearly a violation of the free speech rights we all enjoy under the First Amendment; perhaps this is why it has very rarely been enforced by the IRS



RESOURCES

- www.nhcornerstone.org
- Alliance Defending Freedom on the Johnson Amendment
- Pulpit Freedom Sunday: Preaching a message challenging the Johnson Amendment
- The Church Alliance: Practical legal help for churches