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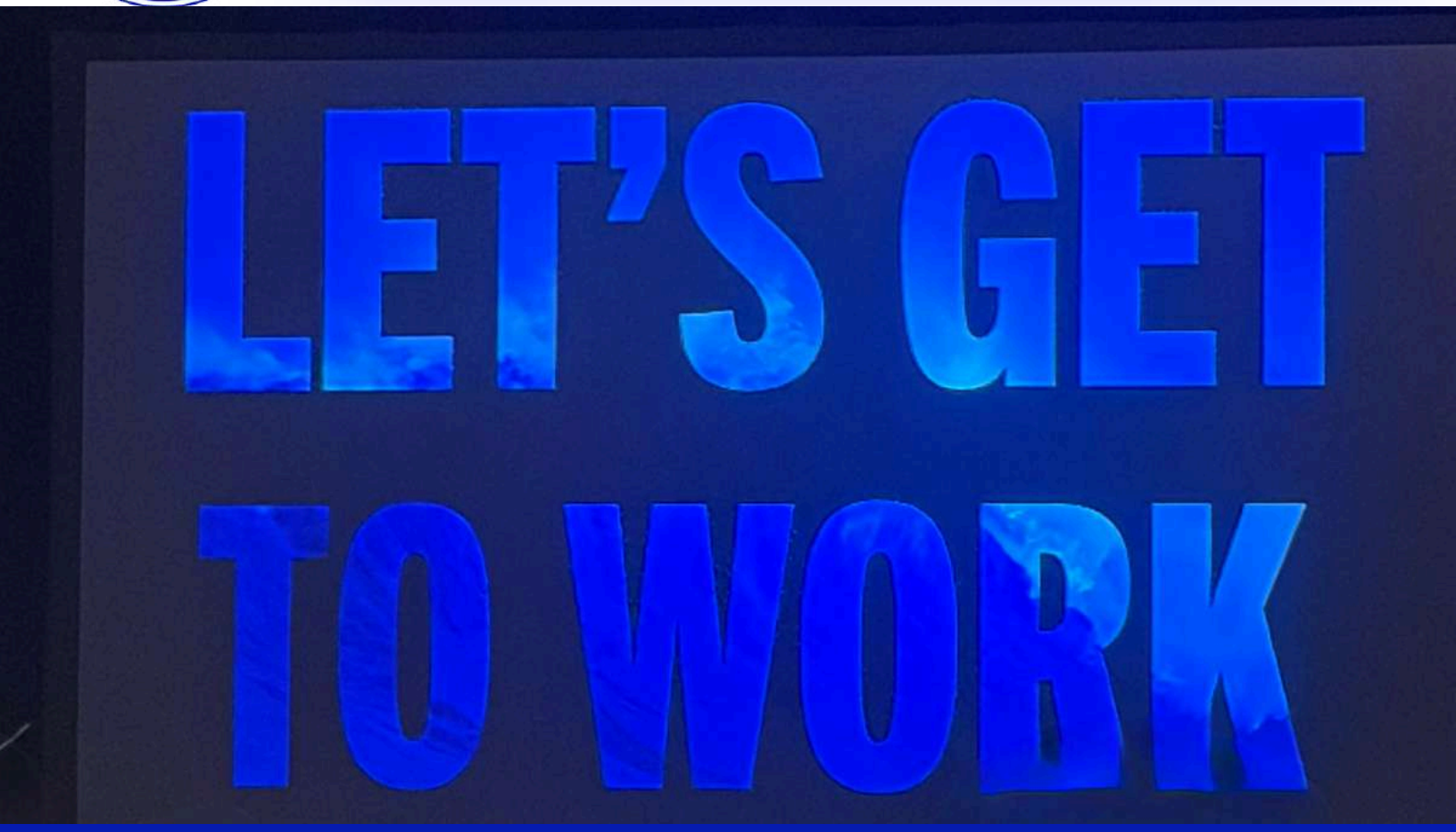


## TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2026

## GENERAL ELECTION

## EARLY VOTING

**3 STATES—ALABAMA, MISSISSIPPI AND NEW HAMPSHIRE— NO IN-PERSON EARLY VOTING.**

**8 STATES – CALIFORNIA, COLORADO, HAWAII, NEVADA, OREGON, UTAH, VERMONT AND WASHINGTON – HAVE ALL-MAIL ELECTIONS. VOTING IS CONDUCTED PRIMARILY, ALTHOUGH NOT NECESSARILY EXCLUSIVELY, BY MAIL.**

SOURCE: HTTPS://BALLOTPEDIA.ORG/EARLY_VOTING_DATES,_2026

NATIONAL FEDERATION of DEMOCRATIC WOMEN

*Leading the Way: Policies, Power, and Priorities*

# A Message from President West



Dear Democratic Sisters,

As we march toward November 2026, our energy, determination, and commitment must rise to meet the moment. This year, the very core of our democracy is on the ballot. Every election matters. We must focus on local offices, state legislatures, and the U.S. House and Senate. What we do now will shape the future of our country for generations. We are entering a historic election cycle filled with extraordinary opportunities for Democratic leadership — especially Democratic women.

Across the nation, battleground states are presenting competitive races where our engagement can make the difference.

- In **Georgia**, Keisha Lance Bottoms has the opportunity join the list of female governors.
- In **Texas**, James Talarico is running a competitive race for the U.S. Senate, offering a fresh, principled voice grounded in public service.
- Democrats in **Florida** have nominated Representative Angie Nixon as their candidate for the U.S. Senate.

Across the country, Democratic women are stepping forward in key races that could reshape state governments and strengthen our presence in Congress:

- In **Arizona**, Democratic women are running in pivotal state legislative races that could shift the balance of power in the state house and senate.
- In **Michigan**, competitive state senate and house races offer opportunities to expand Democratic control and protect voting rights, reproductive freedom, and public education.
- In **Wisconsin**, Democratic women are positioned to make gains in both chambers of the legislature — a crucial step in protecting fair maps and strengthening democracy.
- In **Nevada**, competitive congressional races and state legislative contests offer opportunities to expand Democratic representation in a rapidly growing state.

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# A Message from President West
**(CONTINUED)**

These races matter. They matter for policy. They matter for representation. They matter for democracy. The stakes are high. Reclaiming control of both houses of Congress is essential to protect voting rights, reproductive freedom, economic justice, environmental protection, and the basic functioning of our democratic institutions. State House and Senate races are equally critical — they determine how elections are run, how districts are drawn, and how communities are supported.

The National Federation of Democratic Women has always been a force for action, advocacy, and empowerment. In 2026, we must rise even higher. I am calling on every woman in our organization to get involved at every level:

1. Make calls to voters who need encouragement and information.
2. Send texts that remind people their voice matters.
3. Knock on doors to build real, human connection.
4. Work the polls to ensure safe, fair, and accessible elections.
5. Serve as official poll workers to protect the integrity of the vote.
6. Support Democratic candidates up and down the ballot with your time, your energy, and your passion.

Every action counts. Every conversation matters. Every hour you give strengthens our democracy. We are not just preparing for an election — we are preparing to defend the future and values we hold dear.

Women have always been at the heart of progress in this country, and in 2026, we must again be the ones who push our nation forward. Let us meet this moment with courage, unity, and unstoppable determination. As former Vice President Kamala Harris has said, "Our democracy is only as strong as our willingness to fight for it."

**Let's fight!** Together, we will lift Democratic candidates. Together, we will expand representation. Together, we will protect democracy.
**Let's get to work!**

In solidarity and strength -
Yours for the Federation,
*Louie West*

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The National Federation of Democratic Women (NFDW) is supported by a number of active committees that help drive the organization's mission forward. President West has recently revamped the organizational structure of committees to strengthen communication and collaboration across all levels. This enhanced structure ensures more efficient coordination, clear channels for member involvement, and a unified approach to empowering Democratic women nationwide. This year, every committee is under the direction of either the President or a Vice President.

NFDW has two types of committee designations: standing committees and ad-hoc committees. Standing committees, which are indicated by an asterisk(*), of the NFDW are working groups that carry out specific functions throughout the year as specified by our bylaws. Other committees are designed to address specific areas, projects, or events not mentioned in our bylaws.

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## NFDW will share your news!






The **Social Media Committee** encourages you to follow NFDW on Facebook, Instagram and Threads. Share your social media handle with us so that NFDW can follow, share and comment on your social media posts.

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You're Invited To Join Us

# NFDW

## "Election Readiness & Women's Leadership"

### Facilitated by NFDW Political Directors Rachel Green, MPA and Roberta Walters

Join the National Federation of Democratic Women (NFDW) as we convene Democratic women leaders from across the nation for a powerful conversation, "Election Readiness & Women's Leadership." This program creates space to celebrate the work of women leaders and the collective strength, leadership, and legacy of our national network of women committed to advancing equity and justice.



**LOVIE WEST**

President of National Federation of Democratic Women



**JAMIE CARTER**

Political and Partnership Director of DEMCAST

**THURSDAY - October 29, 2026**

**7:00pm - 8:00pm ET**

**ZOOM**

**RSVP**

National Federation of Democratic Women

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# October is National Breast Cancer Awareness Month

*To the Warriors, Survivors and Champions . . . we salute you!*

## THE REALITY

Breast cancer is the most common cancer in American women, except for skin cancers. Awareness is the first step toward taking meaningful action.

## THE NUMBERS




For more information:
https://www.nationalbreastcancer.org/breast-cancer-awareness-month/



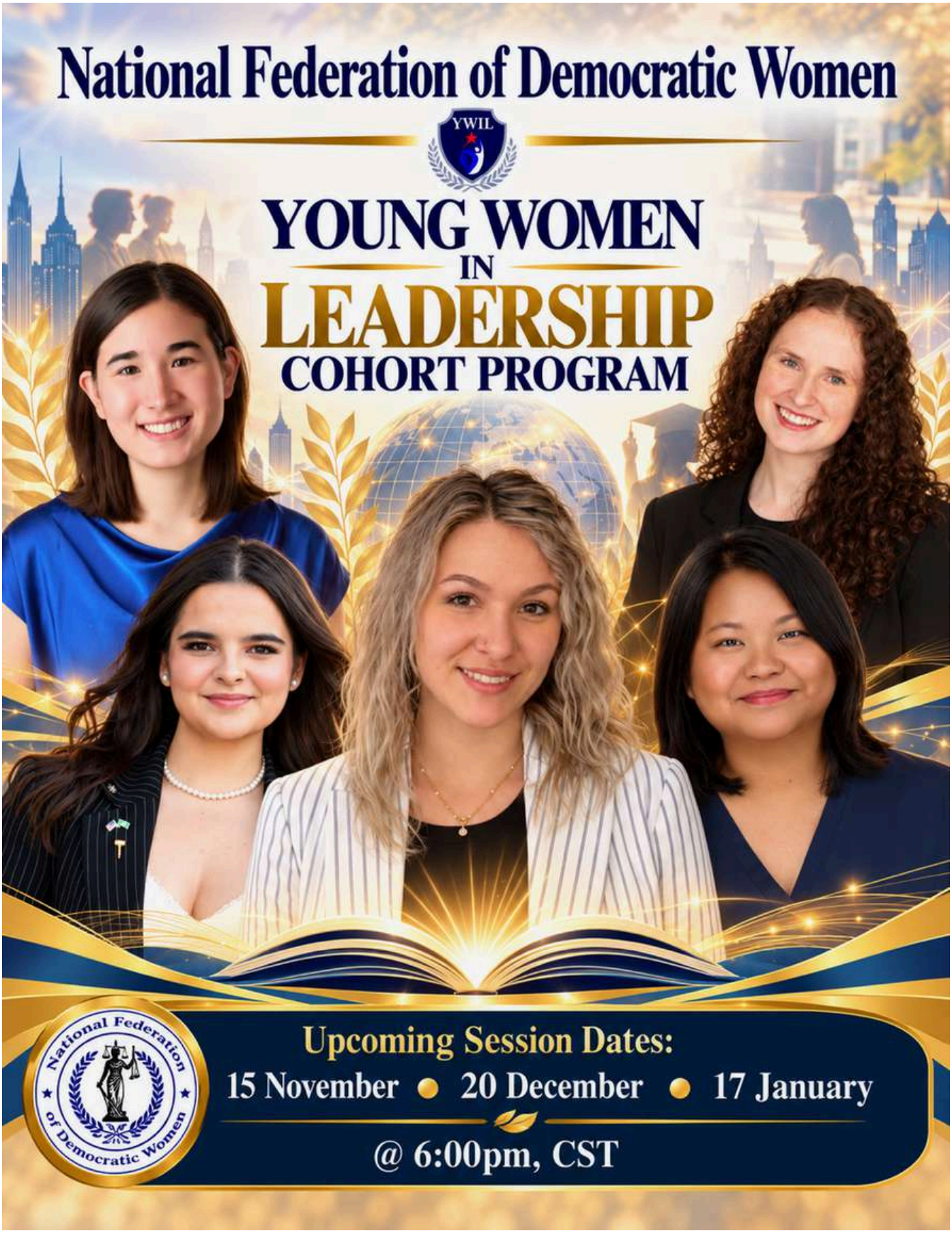

As the Advisor to the Growth and Development Committee, we are proud to announce that the NFDW Young Leader Cohort has begun! We have already met twice, but it is not too late for NFDW members to join us at any of the cohort trainings! The next scheduled meeting dates are:

**Sunday, November 15, 2026**
**Sunday, December 20, 2026**
**Sunday, January 17, 2027**

Each cohort training begins at 6:00 p.m. CST / 7:00 p.m. EST!

Thank you for your valued support as we continue to move forward with energy, insight and wellness principles to stimulate change.

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Upcoming Session Dates:
15 November • 20 December • 17 January
@ 6:00pm, CST

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# NFDW Recognizes Women's Leadership in 2027 with Inaugural 40 Under 40 Recognition Program

OLIVE BRANCH, MS – October 5, 2026 – The National Federation of Democratic Women ("NFDW") will accept nominees for its inaugural "40 Under 40 Women's Leadership Recognition Program" beginning October 1, 2026. NFDW will recognize women under the age of 40 who are shaping this nation and their neighborhoods through leadership, service, professional development, mentorship, innovations and creating community impact through grassroots initiatives.

Lovie West, President of the NFDW, stated, "We intentionally chose October as our kickoff month because "Boss's Day" is celebrated in October. And there is no bigger and better boss than a woman under 40 who is not waiting for an invitation to the party…rather, she is throwing her own…like the boss she is. The NFDW is composed of like-minded women, but we want to recognize the unsung boss women across the nation who are making a difference at 21 or 39 ½ years old."

NFDW's national recognition program for women under 40 years old is seeking applicants who demonstrate four meaningful contributions in the following areas:

1. Participate in initiating and/or facilitating public service and civic engagement opportunities
2. Showcase opportunities for community leadership and grassroots organizing
3. Demonstrate professional excellence by utilizing innovative technology and social media platforms
4. Act as an advocate on issues impacting everyday quality of life including legislation and public policies

*NFDW Recognizes Women's Leadership in 2027 with Inaugural 40 Under 40 Recognition Program (continued)*

Neena Murphy Martin, Chair of the NFDW 40 Under 40 Women's Leadership Recognition Program, stated, "Before our official launch on October 1, 2026, we already received inquiries and high caliber nominations for NFDW's 40 Under 40 Women's Leadership Recognition Program. The time to apply is now! The submission deadline ends February 15, 2027, and we encourage qualified candidates from across the nation to share their story with us."

Gina Sims-Johnson, Co-Chair of the NFDW 40 Under 40 Women's Leadership Recognition Program stated, "Qualified 40 under 40 candidates must exemplify Democratic values in alignment with the values of the NFDW. And our inaugural honorees will be showcased before hundreds of NFDW members in June at the 56th Annual NFDW Convention in New Jersey!"

Women under 40 who are interested in the NFDW recognition program are encouraged to adhere to the following important dates:

1. Application Submissions Open: October 01, 2026
2. Application Submission Deadline: February 15, 2027 [11:59 pm EST]
3. Participant Notifications: On or before April 15, 2027 [11:59 pm EST]
4. Confirmation Deadline: On or before April 20, 2027 [11:59 pm EST]
5. Recognition Ceremony: 56th Annual NFDW Convention • June 3-5, 2027 Somerset County, New Jersey

The application can be directly accessed through our national website
For more information about the application process, contact the NFDW Growth and Development Committee at: nfdw40under40program@gmail.com.

**Contact: Neena Murphy Martin (Chair) & Gina Sims-Johnson (Co-Chair)**
**NFDW Growth & Development Committee**
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# NATIONAL FEDERATION OF DEMOCRATIC WOMEN

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## "40 Under 40 Women In Leadership Recognition Program"

**Scan for the Application:**

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**Click below for the Application:**
https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1O_zPhw2w1u9ebUFnBsHmtE-N1_gIA2EZmicLEQ-RWB4/preview

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Political Education & Training Committee
Bridging the Generational Communication Gap
Saturday,
07 November, 2026
1:00 pm, EST | 12:00 pm, CST
11:00 am, MT | 10:00 am, PT
Registration Link:
Click Here
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National Federation of Democratic Women

# FUNDRAISING FOR

## GOTV Training Follow-Up




Thank you to those who joined us for our Fundraising for GOTV Training with ActBlue. If you were not able to attend, you can watch the recording at the following webpage:

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1E_dmQNz7KgzxQNZvbFy1o-EiT1hW2xz4/view?emci=fb41045f-99b2-f111-a6a7-0022482a9a8d&emdi=3934d51e-9bb2-f111-a6a7-0022482a9a8d&ceid=9986772

The training primarily focused on how to write a fundraising email. If that is a skill your team needs to learn or sharpen your skill on, please watch the recording.

Resources from the training:

Webpage to search for what you need to learn how to do on ActBlue

ActBlue's FAQ page

ActBlue resources for classic/core accounts

ActBlue resources for Raise accounts

Remember that three of the most important aspects during GOTV are:

**Communications**

**Volunteer Management**

**Fundraising.**

**Thank you for your continued commitment to the National Federation of Democratic Women. We appreciate all you do and we invite you to support our ongoing work by making a contribution to the 1971 Fund.**

# OCTOBER IS
## Domestic Violence Awareness Month

Joinus this DomesticViolenceAwareness Month as wemovefrom*awarenessto action*. We stand***with survivors,always***.

Learn more at:
*DVawareness.org/WithSurvivors*

**#WithSurvivors**
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DEMOCRATIC
NATIONAL COMMITTEE


DNC Executive Committee
August 14, 2026 | Austin, Texa

**DNC Executive Committee Meeting**
**August 14-16, 2026**




**Lovie West**, NFDW President and DNC Executive Committee Member
(center, sitting)

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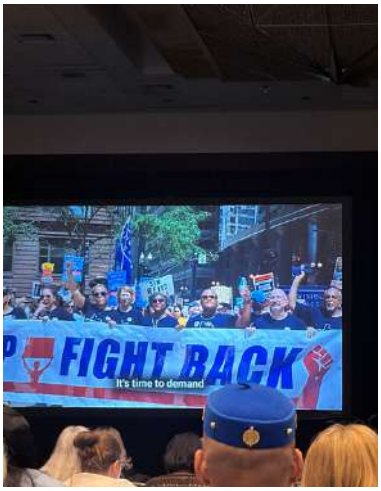
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## DNC Executive Committee Meeting
## August 2026






























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# DNC makes historic moves!




***DNC Rules and Bylaws Committee Co-Chairs Minyon Moore and James Roosevelt, Jr. released the following statement:***

**"The Rules and Bylaws Committee has proposed a rigorous, fair, and efficient calendar that will win Democrats back the White House in 2028. After months of hard work and deliberation, we are very proud of the calendar that the RBC has put forward — which is also the most diverse calendar Democrats have ever had for an open nominating contest. We look forward to presenting the proposal to our colleagues across the DNC for their approval in a few weeks."**

# DNC makes historic moves!

*(continued)*

**Comprehensive Test with Diverse Voters:** The early window provides a comprehensive test with diverse groups of voters that are key to winning a general election. In fact, it is the most diverse open field early window in Democratic Party history, massively increasing diverse representation from 2020 early window states.

**Black Voters:** 4.6 million Black people live in the early window states, an increase of 2.8 million.

**Latino Voters:** 4.2 million Latinos live in the early window states, an increase of 2.4 million.

**AANHPI Voters:** 1.4 million Asian Americans, Native Hawaiians, and Pacific Islander Americans live in the early window states, an increase of 900k.

**Native American Voters:** 370k Native Americans live in the early window states, an increase of 280k.

**Non-college Voters:** 14 million Americans in the early window states do not have a college degree, an increase of 7.7 million.

**Young Voters:** More than 2.8 million young (18-24) people live in the early window states, an increase of more than 1.6 million.

**Union Voters:** More than 1.1 million union workers live in the early window states, an increase of more than 700k.

**Veterans/Military Voters:** More than 2.1 million veteran and military voters live in the early window states, an increase of more than 1.2 million.



# LEGISLATIVE REPORT

What You Need to Know?

# THE BIG BEAUTIFUL BILL

## Diverting public school funding to benefit wealthy families

The OBBBA includes a federal 100 percent tax credit for individuals who donate to private school voucher funds. The legislation creates a permanent uncapped program that could cost the federal government nearly $51 billion annually.

Comparatively, the federal government provides just $14 billion for funding under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act and $18 billion for Title I funding for high-poverty schools.

Private school voucher programs have been shown to benefit wealthy families over those in-need; harm rural communities and students with disabilities; and enable discrimination against students—all without improving academic achievement. Private school voucher programs disproportionately harm rural communities in particular, given their small operating margins for public schools and lack of accessible private schools.

When private school voucher programs lead to state funding cuts for public education, rural schools are hit the hardest due to their heavy reliance on state and federal funds. This ultimately results in stripping rural public schools of their few resources, leading to school closures and less opportunity for rural students.

Across the country, this diversion of funds from public schools to private schools will eliminate opportunities for the more than 80 percent of students who attend traditional public schools to instead pay for wealthy families to send their kids to private school.

Source: https://www.americanprogress.org/article/10-egregious-things-you-may-not-know-about-the-one-big-beautiful-bill-act/

To our members who served . . .

*Thank you!*



NOVEMBER 11, 2026

# VETERANS DAY




Freedom is not free.

# Connect NOW

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# *NFDW Quarterly Newsletter*

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR!**

**4TH QUARTER ARTICLE SUBMISSION DEADLINE FOR THE COMMUNICATOR**

**Saturday, November 14, 2026**

**4th Quarter Distribution Date: December 19, 2026**

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Email *Communicator* articles and photos to your Public Relations Committee Regional Representative, your Regional Director and info@NFDW.com. *Please include the word, "Communicator," in the subject line of your email.*

Every item in each submission may not be included in the newsletter. But look for your photos and events in other NFDW publicity/social media.

# NFDW



# EASTERN REGION



**Susan Rutt**
**Eastern Regional Director**

To begin, congratulations to Audrey Dempsey and the Western Region for the enjoyable Convention held in Las Vegas. New Jersey and the Eastern Region are anxious to welcome everyone to the 2027 Convention in Bridgewater, New Jersey in June. It was an honor to participate in the Saturday morning convention breakfast, offering some advice to our younger attendees. I have been asked for copies of my comments, and am sharing them as part of my message:

"At the end of the day, it's not about what you have or what you've accomplished. It's about what you've done with those accomplishments. It's about who you lifted up, who you've made better. It's about what you've given back." This is a quote from Denzel Washington.

From the Greatest Generation to Generation Beta, each generation received encouragement through the years. Even in ancient times, the youth of Athens were reminded to leave their city better than they found it. Eleanor Roosevelt told us "the future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dreams". President Kennedy said, "the torch has been passed to a new generation." Fred Rogers (or Mr. Rogers as he is known), said "One of the greatest dignities of humankind is that each successive generation is invested in the welfare of each new generation." Dr Seuss talks about the "places you will go", and also says "be who you are and say how you feel, because those who mind don't matter, and those who matter, don't mind." Hillary Clinton said "it takes a village", and Michelle Obama said, "there's power in allowing yourself to be known and heard, in owning your unique story, in using your authentic voice."

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***"Experience History Where It Happened!"***

# EASTERN REGION



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**Eastern Regional Director**
***(continued)***

Advice came from Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg: "Fight for the things you care about, but do it in a way that will lead others to join you." She also reminds us that "Women belong in all places where decisions are made." A poem by Kipling begins "IF you can keep your head when all around you are losing theirs" . . . and so on. It reminds me of what I call **"IF for Democrats"** as follows:

If you value public universities, civil rights, the fair pay act, a 40-hour work week, voting rights, child labor laws, veterans' benefits, Americans with disabilities act, workers' benefits, affordable care act, clean air and water, and more . . ." If that means something to you, thank a Democrat, register as a Democrat, and work as a Democrat. The Kentucky YDs said if you join their organization, they can't promise that you will be president, a member of congress, or a governor, ... but then ... you never know! If you join the NFDW – same thing – you never know! This message is also to the young-at-heart Democrats here today: getting the most out of life isn't about how much you keep for yourself, but how much you pour into others. Dolly Parton said: "If your actions create a legacy that inspires others to dream more, learn more, do more, then you are an excellent leader."

Please join me in asking for blessings on the many generations here today. May we have the courage to be leaders, with vision to expand our horizons of service to others. On behalf of the Eastern Region, I wish you all a very safe and healthy rest of your summer. I wish you success as you continue your canvassing, phone-banking, postcard addressing, and all the other things we do to prepare for this most important upcoming election.

**Your Regional Director, Susan Rutt**

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***"Experience History Where It Happened!"***

# CONNECTICUT UPDATES



Joyce Petteway
President, CFDW

## CFDW Activities



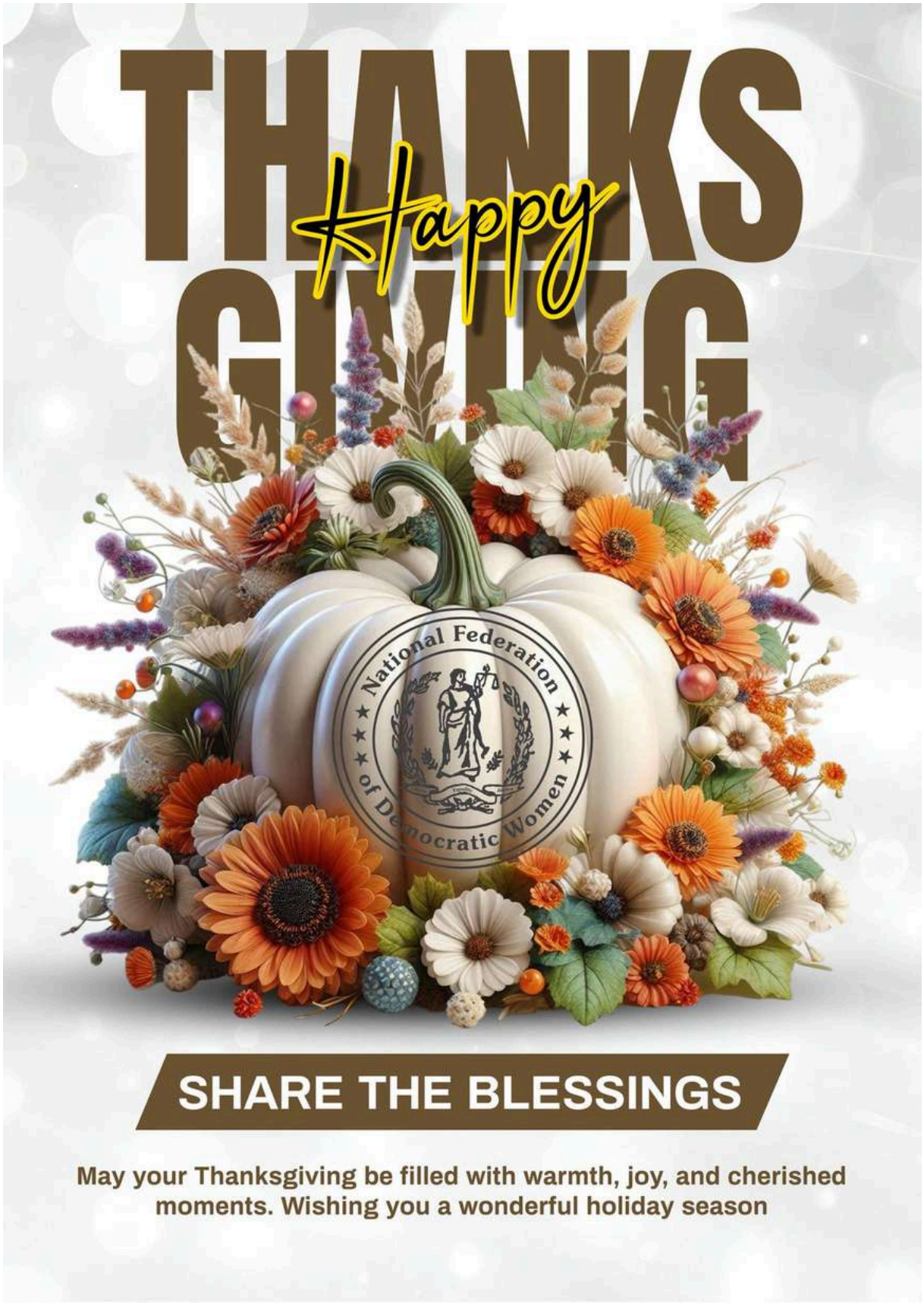

A contribution check presented to Congresswoman Jahana Hayes D05 for her reelection campaign. This check was received from the NFDW PAC President Virgie Rollins. Thank you! Joyce Petteway, CT FDW President; 3rd Vice-President, NFDW



CFDW Pres. Joyce Petteway attends NAACP Freedom Fund Dinner along with new members Pat Alston and Ary French. June 2026.



CT FDW President With D05 Congresswoman Jahana Hayes (center) at CT State Convention. May 2026




November 26, 2026

# *Members . . .*

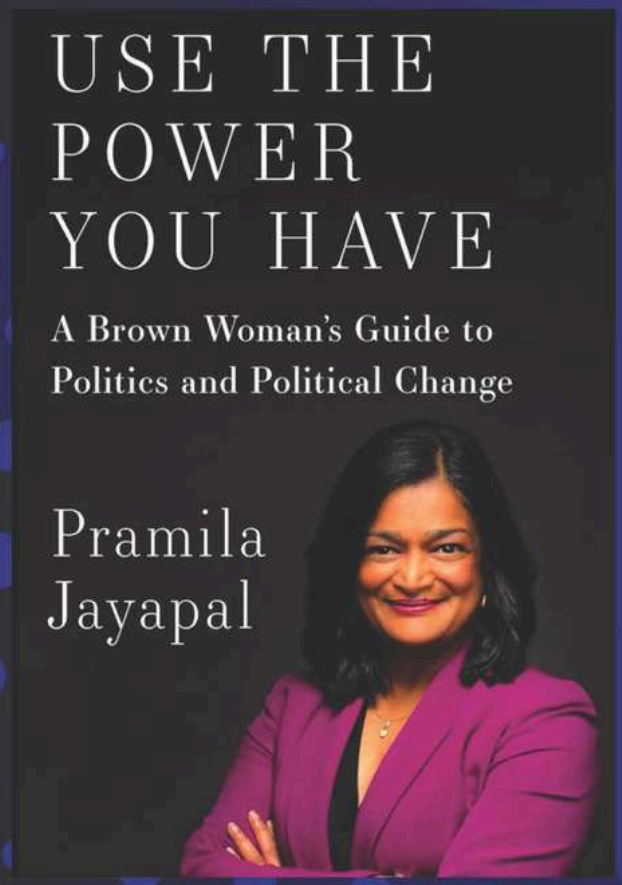
# Did you miss our news?

"Fall Back" at 2:00 a.m. Sunday, November 1, 2026 (Daylight Savings Time Ends)

***Catch up on NFDW news on the following pages:***

# Political Education & Training Committee
## 3rd Quarter Book Club

**President: Lovie West • Advisor: Telise Ezell-Turner • Committee Co-Chair: Dr Deborah Williams & Barbara Scott**




**Use the Power You Have: A Brown Woman's Guide to Politics and Political Change**

Author: Rep. Pramila Jayapal

Use the Power You Have is Jayapal's account of the path from sixteen-year-old Indian immigrant to grassroots activist, state senator, and now progressive powerhouse in Washington, DC.

Written with passion and insight, Use the Power You Have offers a wealth of ideas and inspiration for a new generation of engaged citizens interested in fighting back and making change, whether in Washington or in their own communities.

**Sunday, 02 August, 2026**

**5:00pm, EST | 4:00pm, CST | 3:00pm, MST | 2:00pm, PST**

**To Join Us...**

**Register online:**

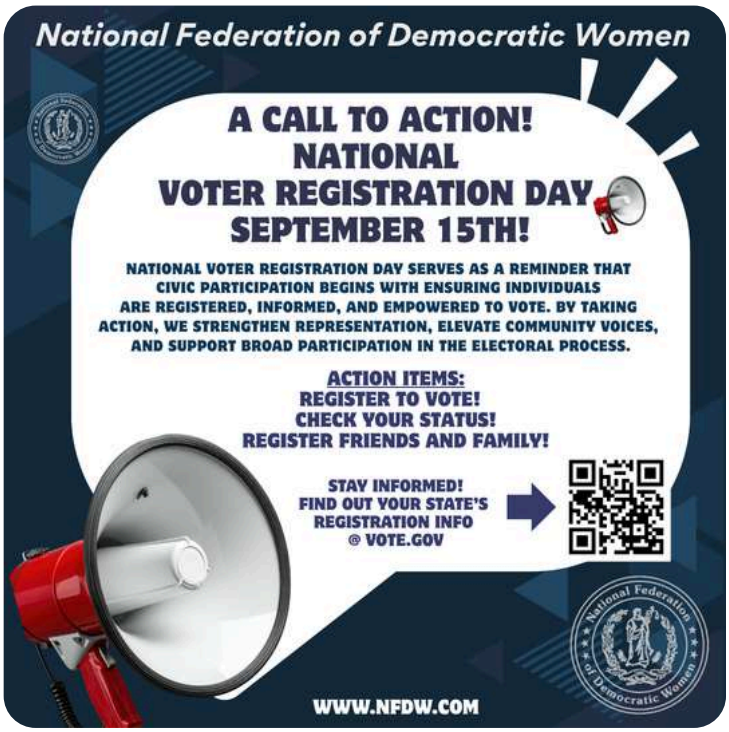
Click to Register

**Scan the QR code**



**Facilitator: Gina Sims-Johnson**
**TFDW Middle-TN Grand Division VP**

**To receive Zoom link,please register online at:**
**https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/yrGVItUWRu-Xi7ik8OgyCA#/registration**




## Recommended Actions for NFDW Members and Partners

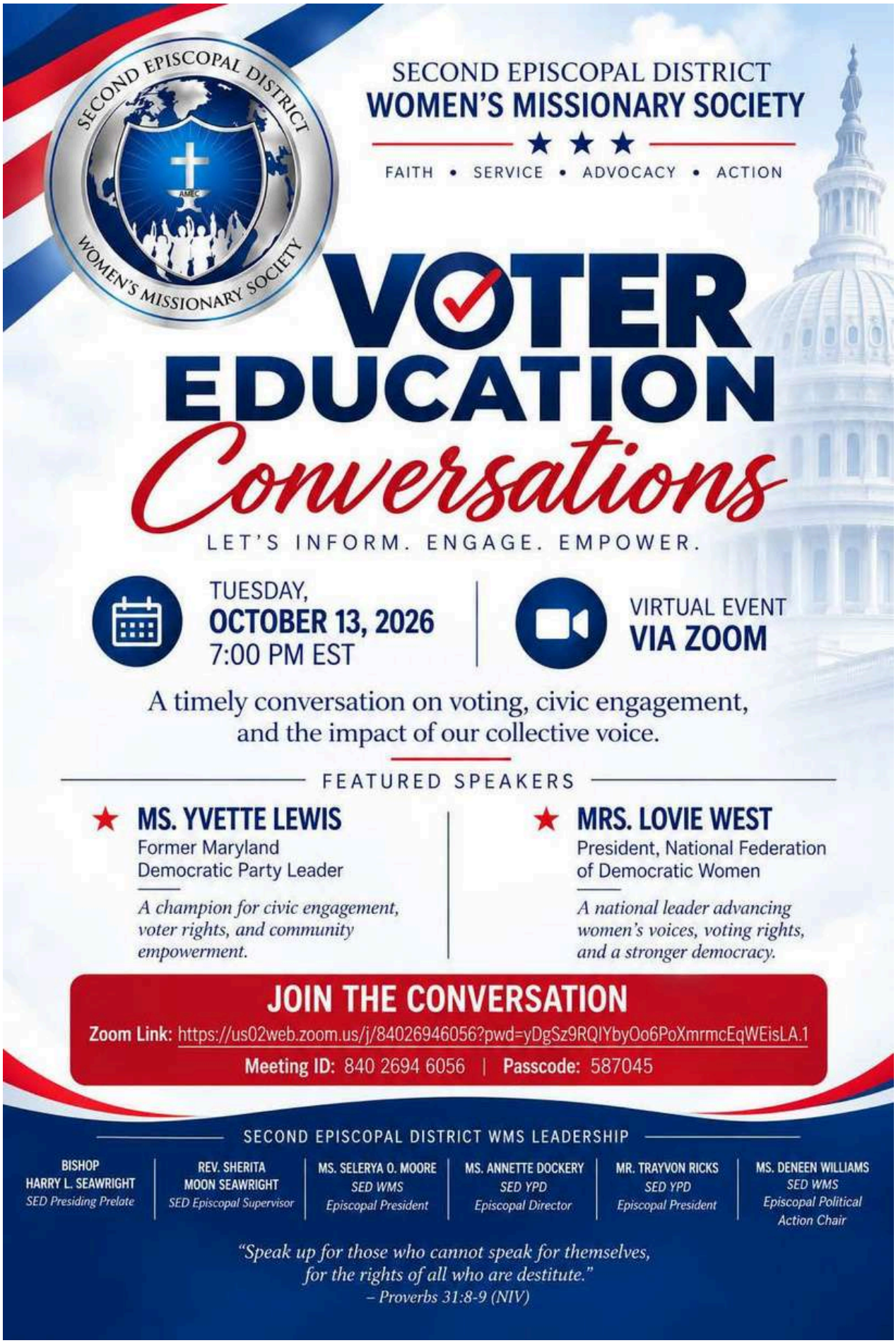
1. Conduct Outreach Within Your Networks
- Contact friends, family, colleagues, and community members to confirm their voter registration status.
- Share official registration resources, including vote.gov, through email, text, and social media.
- Encourage newly eligible voters, especially young adults, to register.

2. Organize or Support Voter Registration Drives
- Host a registration table at a community center, library, campus, or local business.
- Partner with civic organizations to expand reach and visibility.
- Provide QR codes or devices to allow on-site digital registration using official state resources.

3. Promote Voter Registration in Workplaces and Community Spaces
- Request that workplaces share non-partisan registration reminders.
- Display informational materials in common areas, bulletin boards, or community hubs.
- Offer brief informational sessions on how to register and where to find official guidance.

4. Engage Through Digital Platforms
- Post non-partisan reminders on social media encouraging individuals to check their registration status.
- Share official deadlines and links to trusted registration portals.
- Highlight the importance of civic participation through personal stories or organizational messaging.

5. Support First-Time and Newly Eligible Voters
- Provide clear, accessible information on how to register using official state resources.
- Offer guidance on what to expect at the polls.
- Celebrate new voters to reinforce the importance of civic engagement.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LET'S INFORM. ENGAGE. EMPOWER.
TUESDAY,
OCTOBER 13, 2026
7:00 PM EST
VIRTUAL EVENT
VIA ZOOM
A timely conversation on voting, civic engagement, and the impact of our collective voice.
FEATURED SPEAKERS
MS. YVETTE LEWIS
Former Maryland Democratic Party Leader
A champion for civic engagement, voter rights, and community empowerment.
MRS. LOVIE WEST
President, National Federation of Democratic Women
A national leader advancing women's voices, voting rights, and a stronger democracy.
JOIN THE CONVERSATION
Zoom Link: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84026946056?pwd=yDgSz9RQIYbyOo6PoXmrmcEqWEisLA.1
Meeting ID: 840 2694 6056 | Passcode: 587045
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– Proverbs 31:8-9 (NIV)

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## 2026 Eastern Regional Leadership Summit

**September 25-26, 2026**

**Philadelphia, PA**
Hampton Inn Philadelphia Center
City Convention Center
1301 Race St
Philadelphia, PA 19107

## Agenda

**Friday, September 25th, 6 PM - 8 PM, Welcome reception**

**Saturday, September 26th, 8 AM - 4 PM**

- Morning: Breakfast, plenary session, elected officials, candidates, voter protection training
- Luncheon
- Afternoon: Best Practices Training Institute, Seat at the Table, Chop it Up

**REGISTER**
**$35**

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## 2026 Western Regional Leadership Summit

**October 2-3, 2026**

**Phoenix, AZ**
Embassy Suites Hilton Downtown
10 East Thomas Road
Phoenix, AZ 85012-3114

## Agenda

**Friday, October 2nd, 6 PM - 8 PM, Welcome reception**

**Saturday, October 3rd, 8 AM - 4 PM**

- Morning: Breakfast, planery session, elected officials, candidates, voter protection training
- Luncheon
- Afternoon: Best Practices Training Institute, Seat at the Table, Chop it Up

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## 2026 Southern Regional Leadership Summit

**October 9-10, 2026**

**Houston, TX**
Wyndham Hotel Houston
8686 Kirby Dr
Houston, TX 77054

## Agenda

**Friday, October 9th, 6 PM - 8 PM, Welcome reception**
**Saturday, October 10th, 8 AM - 4 PM**

- Morning: Breakfast, plenary session, elected officials, candidates, voter protection training
- Luncheon
- Afternoon: Best Practices Training Institute, Seat at the Table, Chop it Up

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## 2026 Midwestern Regional Leadership Summit

**October 16-17, 2026**

**Kansas City, KS**
Margritaville Hotel Kansas City
1491 N 98th Ter
Kansas City, KS 66111

## Agenda

**Friday, October 16th, 6 PM - 8 PM, Welcome reception**

**Saturday, October 17th, 8 AM - 4 PM**

- Morning: Breakfast, planery session, elected officials, candidates, voter protection training
- Luncheon
- Afternoon: Best Practices Training Institute, Seat at the Table, Chop it Up

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# CLOSING THOUGHTS

- **Call to Action**










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