



RESPECT OUR FAITH

CLERGY PLEDGE

Because faith has always played a vital role in the public squares of Texas;

Because all religious traditions compel us to participate in the political decisions of our state;

Because God's concern is never fully represented in a single political party or candidate;

I PLEDGE TO PROMOTE FAITHFUL CIVIC RESPONSIBILITY BY:

- ➔ **Ensuring** that all political points of view are respected in my house of worship;
- ➔ **Helping** all members of my congregation to become informed about candidates and issues;
- ➔ **Encouraging** all members of my faith tradition to vote; and
- ➔ **Inspiring** the members of my congregation to let their faith convictions inform and infuse all of their actions in the public sphere.

I ALSO PLEDGE TO PROTECT THE INTEGRITY OF MY CONGREGATION BY:

- ➔ **Refraining** from endorsing – or appearing to endorse – a candidate or political party in my capacity as a religious leader;
- ➔ **Inviting** all candidates to address my house of worship, if I invite any at all;
- ➔ **Refusing** to allow the distribution of partisan political literature in my congregation; and
- ➔ **Avoiding** the direct involvement of my congregation with partisan organizations or campaigns in any electioneering activities.

Encourage other religious leaders in your community to join the RESPECT OUR FAITH CAMPAIGN

Name _____

E-mail _____

Congregation _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Phone _____

Return completed forms by fax to (512) 322-0550, by mail to:
Respect Our Faith, P.O. Box 1624, Austin, TX 78767, or e-mail the above information to clergy@respectourfaith.org.

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