

# AAMLC

AFRICAN AMERICAN MINISTERS LEADERSHIP COUNCIL

A Non-Partisan Project of People For the American Way Foundation

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Policy  
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Power™

Every Election  
Matters: Believe &  
Speak With Your  
**Vote!**

## Why Vote?

**Middle Passage Slavery Reconstruction Bishop Richard Allen Emancipation Proclamation**  
**Plessy vs. Ferguson Amendments 13, 14, 15 Anti-Lynching Movement "Ain't I A Woman"**  
**World War I Tuskegee Airmen - World War II Executive Order 9981 Courage Korean War**  
**Brown vs. Board of Education Baby Boomers Emmett Till Rosa Parks The Southern Christian**  
**Leadership Conference Vietnam War Malcolm X 1963 March on Washington Faith**  
**Birmingham Church Bombing Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee (SNCC)**  
**Civil Rights Act of 1964 Civil Rights Act "Sick and Tired of Being Sick and Tired"**  
**Voting Rights Act of 1965 The Black Panther Party Equality Respect**  
**Supreme Court Justice Thurgood Marshall "Say It Loud - I'm Black and I'm Proud"**  
**Civil Disobedience Assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Poor Peoples Campaign**  
**Congresswoman Shirley Chisholm Affirmative Action "I Am Somebody" Hope Roots**  
**"Rapper's Delight" Mayor Harold Washington Governor Douglas Wilder MOVE HIV**  
**1st Amendment General Colin L. Powell**

**13.1% Rodney King Black Farmers Desert Storm Senator Carol Moseley - Braun Boyz N the Hood**  
**Racial Profiling Dr. Jocelyn Elders Million Man March Tupac Shakur Rosewood AIDS**  
**Tiger Woods Reparations Maximum-Minimums Sentencing Grace Gore vs. Bush September 11**  
**Katrina Global Warming Ban the Box 2008 Office of Presidency Courts Congress**  
**State Legislatures "Weapons of Mass Distraction" Citizens United vs. FEC**  
**Voter Suppression - Voter Identification Laws SB 1070 The "New" Jim Crow Student Loans**  
**99% Public Education Voter Suppression - Restriction on Early Voting Bullying Soldiers**  
**Millennial Generation "Uncomfortable Places" Affordable Health Care Stand Your Ground Laws**  
**DC Statehood Advocacy City Neighborhood Community Home Grandmother Granddad Momma**  
**Daddy Brother Sister Family Jury Duty Stewardship Hobby Lobby**  
**"What Man Meant For Harm, God Means For Good" Jeremiah 29:11 God.**  
**Trayvon Martin Jordan Davis Renisha McBride Michael Brown**  
**"Hands Up, Hoodies On" Emmanuel 9 #BlackLivesMatter**

## WHY VOTE?

**I Am A Vessel Full of Power and I VOTE!**

[www.VESSELSVOTE.org](http://www.VESSELSVOTE.org)

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# ARE YOU READY TO BE A **VESSEL**? ARE YOU READY TO VOTE?

Elections happen all the time. Please check the following to indicate your readiness to be a **VESSEL** and to **VOTE!**

- I am registered to vote!
- I am 18 years old, or will be on/ before Election Day.
- I am the holder of a valid, legally recognized form of photo identification with my current home (place of resident) address.
- I am aware of the expiration date on my photo identification.
- I am aware of my polling (voting) location.
- I am aware of the dates for upcoming special and general elections so I will not be confused by calls, flyers, and lies.
- I am aware of the offices, websites and telephone numbers to call if I have a questions or problem.
- I am aware of my right to be a registered voter.
- I am aware of my right to vote.
- I am aware of my right to have my vote counted.
- I am aware of my need to stay informed of voter laws by educating myself and others in my family, neighborhood, place of worship.
- I am a US Citizen.
- I am aware of 5 others who are of voting age I need to speak with and ask: → →

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**VESSELS** are people of faith - clergy, laity, lay leaders, pastors, ministry and community leaders, men, women and young adults - firmly committed to increasing civic participation in communities that traditionally have been disenfranchised or discriminated against. **VESSELS** provides a non-partisan way to engage in the political process that resonates with the identity of faith communities. **VESSELS** stand firmly against apathy and disengagement and the ploys of the conservatives who engage in voter suppression tactics. **VESSELS** create opportunities to conduct non-partisan voter registration, voter information and voter (issue) education to maximize the participation of informed voting age African Americans in the electoral process in every special, local, state, national election.

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## You Are A **VESSEL** Full of Power

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