

## FUSD Poll Chaplain / Peacekeeper Frequently Asked Questions

- Do you need to attend all the training sessions or just one? You only need to attend one training session (90 minutes).
- Is there any registration we need to give the state to serve as a Poll Chaplain/Peacekeeper? There are no additional registration requirements beyond attending one full training and selecting your date(s) and serving location. You will receive your FUSD certification letter and badge as evidence of your official participation.
- If I live outside FUSD priority states and cities, can I still serve as a certified FUSD Poll Chaplain/Peacekeeper? Yes, but only if you sign up to serve in a FUSD priority state and city. If you prefer serving outside a priority state or city, we cannot assign you to a polling location nor provide the certification letter and badge. However, the 1-866-687-8683 number is available for all 50 states, and you may report any issues you encounter in all 50 states. Our <u>FUSD Toolkit</u> has information about all 50 states, which anyone can use.
- Is there a difference between Poll Chaplain and Peacekeeper roles? No. The Poll
  Chaplain designation represents ordained clergy, and the Peacekeeper
  designation is for community and lay leader volunteers.
- If I live in a priority state and in a city outside FUSD-targeted cities, can I get help locating high-priority polling sites near me? If you email us at info@skinnerleadership.org, we will email back the closest high-priority zip codes near you. Once we receive the polling sites for your zip code before early voting, we will forward it to you.
- Do the Secretaries of State recognize FUSD identification? County election officials, not Secretaries of State, manage the polling sites. The FUSD team is contacting county election officials at all polling sites we are assigning with the FUSD poll chaplain/peacekeeper identification, affirming that our volunteers are there to assist.
- What is the distance the Poll Chaplain/Peacekeepers must remain in the polling location? That depends on the rules of each county. Visit <a href="www.usa.gov">www.usa.gov</a> to locate the county election office of the polling site where you will serve.
- If I can only attend one half of the training, like the Poll Chaplain training, can I complete the Peacekeeper training in another session? FUSD will only certify Poll Chaplains/ Peacekeepers who have completed training for both segments, even if training takes place during separate sessions.



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- Can I attend the training with a buddy and be assigned to the same polling location? Yes. Please indicate by email to info@skinnerleadership.org the name, address, and email for yourself and your buddy who has completed training, so we can ensure you are assigned to the same polling location.
- How does a Poll Chaplain differ from a Poll Challenger? According to the National Council of State Legislatures, both poll watchers and challengers may be known as partisan citizen observers, but the specific roles and terminology vary by state. A poll watcher in one state may be able to challenge a voter's eligibility (thus also serving as a challenger). Those might be two separate roles in a different state, and some states may prohibit challengers or watchers.
- Do I have to be of the Christian Faith to serve as a Poll Chaplain? People from diverse and no faiths have signed up and received training as Poll Chaplains.
- What if your faith tradition does not call for wearing a collar? If you are not clergy, you are not expected to wear any other identification besides the FUSD badge and lanyard you will be given if you serve in a key state. We recommend that anyone wear clothing or garb that is a part of their tradition. You do not have to be clergy to serve as a Poll Chaplain/Peacekeeper.
- Are we expected to be there every day during early voting, or can we volunteer for specific days? You can choose your days. We would like volunteers for the first and last days of early voting and election day. You can select the date and time slot.
- I do not live in critical states. May I still serve as a poll chaplain? We ask people to serve at vulnerable polling locations, but you can serve anywhere. However, we will only provide the certified letter and badge to those serving in the targeted areas. The 1-866-687-8683 number works in all states, and everyone can use it to report issues.
- What happens when the incidents of voter intimidation are not individual aggravation but are structural and logistical problems? There was running of ballots, no pens for completing ballots, not enough voting cubicles, broken machines, folk turned away and sent to another polling place, and polling places not open. What is the protocol for working with election administrators in these instances? Inform the poll workers about those issues.
- What do you recommend for identification in states that are not part of the



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official states? We recommend wearing something that would identify you as a Faith Leader... collar, shawl, clothing with "Clergy" listed.

- Can we work two shifts that day? You are most welcome to work two shifts or multiple days if you want to participate in early voting. The shifts are 6 am-12 and 12-7
- What happens if someone assaults you? We are not asking you to engage with anyone physically during your time. Every polling location has security plans.
- How many colleagues from FUSD will be working during a specific shift? That will vary across states and locations.
- If the polls don't close at 7, would you like us to stay later to continue our work?
   Yes, often, most issues happen near the close of the polls, so we would like to have you work until after the polls are closed.