

MEDIA ADVISORY For Monday, Jan 15th 2024

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Faiths United to Save Democracy Hosting King Holiday Voter Protection Event

Washington, DC- On **Monday, January 15, 2024 (4:00 - 5:15 pm/EST), Faiths United to Save Democracy (FUSD)** will honor the life and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. in a virtual. <u>FUSD 2024 King Holiday Call to Action Virtual Voter Registration and</u> <u>Protection Launch.</u>

"As faith leaders, we have a crucial role in empowering every voice and safeguarding the right to vote, using our moral authority to advocate for accessible voting processes. It is essential for us to engage and lead in protecting voting rights, embodying the values of justice and equality," said Dr. Barbara Williams-Skinner, President of the Skinner Leadership Institute and co-lead of Faiths United to Save Democracy.

NBA star Stephen Curry (via video), Dr. Barbara Williams-Skinner, Rev. Jim Wallis, Rev. Adam Taylor, Ms. Latosha Brown, Rabbi David Saperstein, and Rev. Dr. Frederick D. Haynes III, along with others, are coming together to spearhead efforts in boosting civic engagement, facilitating voter registration, and implementing strategic voter protection measures.

"Our democracy, and especially the sacred right to vote, is threatened in ways we never imagined. At the same time, too many young and economically disadvantaged Americans are checking out of the electoral process, asking the critical question, 'Why Vote' and this event will answer that question for people of faith, said Rev. Jim Wallis, Archbishop Desmond Tutu Chair in Faith and Justice at the McCourt School of Public Policy and FUSD co-lead.

"During our time together, we will build the momentum to protect the vote by harnessing the collective power of faith leaders to amplify Faiths United to Save Democracy's commitment to justice and inclusivity. We will outline our strategy to engage and prepare faith leaders nationwide for voting mobilization and advocacy throughout this year," said Rev. Adam Taylor, President of Sojourners and FUSD co-lead.

The January 15th Virtual Call to Action will include:

- Video message from a national sports superstar Steph Curry
- "Why Vote?" video featuring FUSD State Leads
- **Messages** from diverse faith influencers
- Panel interview on the uniquely different voting perspectives of the Asian American Pacific Islander (AAPI), Latino, & Black faith communities.
- Inspiration from renowned faith influencers: Rev. Dr. Frederick D. Haynes, III and Bishop Vashti Murphy McKenzie

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