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## EVERY VOTE COUNTS

*Excerpts from The Justice and Witness Insider of UCC (Issue 12, October 08)*

### You Can Help Make Sure Every Vote Counts

The UCC's Justice and Witness Ministries is part of a non-partisan coalition to protect voter rights convened by the Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights, National Campaign for Fair Elections. The campaign has set up a website and hotline to provide voter rights information and to track any instances of voter disenfranchisement, both on Election Day and in the weeks leading up to the election.

[www.866OURVOTE.org](http://www.866OURVOTE.org)

Volunteers with a legal background are needed to help staff the hotline and to provide on-site legal assistance at polling places.

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## ELECTION PROTECTION

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In collaboration with the coalition of civil rights organizations, including the NAACP and Generation Vote, **People for the American Way** is once again organizing an Election Protection program to help safeguard our fundamental right to vote.

You can volunteer to be a *Poll Worker for Democracy* in a local precinct near you. Volunteers will receive training on their state's election laws and voter rights.

It is crucial that the polls be staffed by well-trained and knowledgeable workers to insure that everyone's vote is counted regardless of party affiliation.

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*"Always vote for principle,  
though you may vote alone,  
and you may cherish the  
sweetest reflection that  
your vote is never lost."  
John Quincy Adams*

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## Tonight Is The Last Night- Register NOW

By Waltrina N. Middleton

In order to vote in the **November 4, 2008 Presidential General Election**, you must be registered today in the state of Illinois. The registration deadline varies from state to state. Don't be turned away from the polls and don't miss out on an opportunity to be a part of this historic election.

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*"Remember to vote early --  
and often."*

*Al Capone*

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Check out these websites to learn more about how to meet the deadline and register to vote for Tuesday, November 4 and future elections!

YES, EVERY VOTE COUNTS!

### City of Chicago

1. <http://www.chicagoelections.com/page.php?id=18>
2. <http://www.chicagoelections.com/>

### Cook County

3. <http://www.cookctyclerk.com/>
4. <http://www.voterinfonet.com/sub/register.asp>

### Registration Facts:

5. [http://www.voterinfonet.com/sub/news\\_view.asp?NEWS\\_ID=242](http://www.voterinfonet.com/sub/news_view.asp?NEWS_ID=242)
6. <http://chicago.about.com/od/governmentandmedia/a/RegistertoVote.htm>

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*Online Registration-as easy as 123!*

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**Hotline: 1-866-OUR-VOTE**

Circulate the Election Protection hotline in your community and help to monitor your polling places for any problems.

Volunteer for PFAW Election Protection Opportunities:

<http://site.pfaw.org/>

BE A PART OF THE PROCESS! YOU MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

## 3 Minutes Only

By Waltrina N. Middleton

### It Only Takes 3 Minutes...

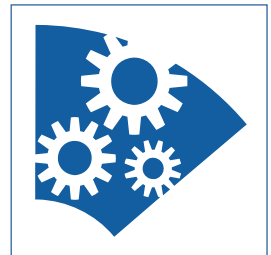
To register online. Three minutes is all the time you need to set aside to go online and register to vote. So what are you waiting for? Get to it (and tell a friend).

Visit: [www.justvote.org](http://www.justvote.org) or

<http://justvoteorg.googlepages.com/home?gclid=CI7rgde7lZYCFQNHFQodoRZOEQ>

#### Upcoming - Registration Deadlines:

New Mexico	<b>Tues, Oct. 7</b>
Illinois	<b>Tues, Oct. 7</b>
Missouri	<b>Wed, Oct. 8</b>
Oklahoma	<b>Fri, Oct. 10</b>
New York	<b>Fri, Oct. 10</b>
North Carolina	<b>Fri, Oct. 10</b>
Delaware	<b>Sat, Oct. 11</b>



*Lift Every Voice – Register To Vote*

**TODAY, Tuesday, October 7, is the LAST DAY to REGISTER in ILLINOIS!!**

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Volunteer to be a poll monitor on Election Day.

In several states, including Florida, Louisiana, Michigan, New Mexico, North Carolina and Pennsylvania, People for the American Ways are working with a coalition of civil rights groups like the NAACP to train volunteers to make sure that voters are aware of their rights and to make sure that instances of voter suppression or wrongful disenfranchisement are documented.

***VOLUNTEERS MAKE A DIFFERENCE!***

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*“Freedom is not something that can be given. Freedom is something people take, and people are as free as they want to be.”*

*James Baldwin*

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7. <http://www.suntimes.com/news/metro/1206310,CST-NWS-voterreg07.article>

### National Voter Registration Drives/Campaigns

8. [http://www.rockthevote.com/rtv\\_register.htm?ms=googlevr7&clid=CKr-i6i7IZYCFQIWFQod8IGGEg](http://www.rockthevote.com/rtv_register.htm?ms=googlevr7&clid=CKr-i6i7IZYCFQIWFQod8IGGEg)
9. <http://justvoteorg.googlepages.com/home?clid=CI7rgde7IZYCFQNHQodoRZOEQ>



## There's Still Work To Do

By Waltrina N. Middleton

So you are registered to vote? Excellent, but there is still a lot of work to do.

Have you asked family members, neighbors, friends, classmates, and any stranger you run into if they are registered? Ok, so you don't have to go that far. But it is important!

If you still want to ask strangers if they are registered to vote, you can do that through a national or local voter registration drive.

Even if you are a registered voter, it is important to do a couple of things to safeguard your vote:

1. Confirm your status as an active registered voter. (Contact the clerk or voter registration office to look up your registration. Don't wait until Election Day; you could be turned away at the polls.)

2. Verify the proper documents needed to vote at your polling station. Do you need only your State issued ID or do you need an ID and your registration card?
3. If your voter registration status is *inactive*, you may be required to bring additional proof of residency and identification in order to vote. So play it safe and check in advance!

Cook County (Suburban)

[http://www.voterinfonet.com/sub/am\\_i\\_registered.asp](http://www.voterinfonet.com/sub/am_i_registered.asp)

City of Chicago

<http://www.chicagoelections.com/voterinfo.php>

### GRACE PERIOD REGISTRATION/VOTING: OCT. 8-21, 2008

- For those who miss the Oct. 7 registration deadline
- Only in person at Election Board, 69 W. Washington St., 6th Floor
- "Grace period" participants must register and vote all at once

### USE EARLY VOTING: OCT. 13-30, 2008

- You must present a government photo ID
- Chicago voters may use any of 51 locations in the city
- You don't need a reason or excuse to Vote Early!
- On Election Day, vote only at your local polling place.

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