



*Every election is determined by the people who show up. Larry Sabato, political scientist*

Yesterday in the mail, I received my **May 17 primary** ballot. Have you received yours? Have you requested it? (the deadline is May 10.) What about your children, have you asked them if they have applied for and received their mail in ballot? How about your friends and neighbors, your siblings, other members of your family no matter their political leanings?

We will only save our democracy through getting out the **vote**. I see no other way. Elections matter. And, in my opinion, if every citizen of this state (and country) had easy access to voting our government would look and act differently. It is a goal that gives hope.

There are several ways you can get involved NOW:

- Have a plan for voting either by mail or in person.
- Ask everyone you talk with everyday if they have a vote plan
- Become an Election Worker (see info in this newsletter)
- Support UUs running for office (see our website)

We will kick off our **UUtheVotePA** initiative at our annual meeting. Meet our partners, find the onramp that works for you – one-on-one door knocking, phone banks, text banks, letter writing campaigns, and continuing our post carding efforts through the election.

Please join us for our **Hybrid Annual Meeting on Friday, May 20 & Saturday, May 21** at the Unitarian Church of Harrisburg. Each congregation was sent a poster to display. Did you see one at your church? We will have food, entertainment, a business meeting, Rev. Fred Small on Saturday morning for a Keynote address & workshop. And Saturday afternoon we **Build Justice in Pennsylvania** hearing from legislators from around the state, kicking off UUtheVotePA, and recognize the three Unitarian Universalists running for office whether they make it through the primary or not. Get all details on our website [www.uujusticepa.org](http://www.uujusticepa.org)

Our Annual Meeting theme is “**Hope & Resolve.**” How do we stay hopeful in these challenging times? We work for democracy in every way we can. Remember, none of us can do everything, but all of us can do something.

*Feel free to contact me if you have questions,*

*Holding ground in our faith and moving justice forward in PA,  
Rev. Joan*