



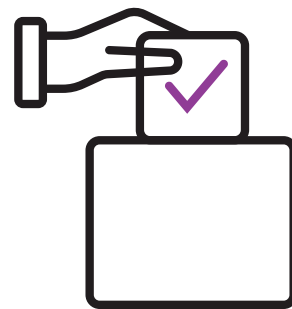
## Ask the Candidates

### Why Ask These Questions?

- People of faith can bring God's vision of fullness of life for all our relations into the election conversation.
- Through asking questions you can set a positive, collaborative agenda for the election campaign and for the resulting government.
- Fear and negativity have become too prevalent. People are encouraged to be afraid of those who are racially, culturally, and religiously different from themselves. The mistrust of public figures is common. People of faith can change the conversation and challenge candidates to be their best selves as together we answer God's call in this moment.
- When you ask questions about issues that are important to you, candidates can show you how their (or their party's) values resonate with you (or not).
- Being active in the election period gives you a good foundation for an ongoing relationship with elected members of parliament.
- Asking questions can bring ignored or underrepresented issues into the conversation (at least at that meeting or in that conversation).

### Good Questions to ASK

- **What is your party's policy on (issue of your choice)?**
- **How will your party enact (issue of your choice) legislation or policy?**
- **How will you ensure that (issue of your choice) is part of the government's agenda going forward?**



# How Do I Get Candidates to Answer My Questions?

## Online

- Connect with planners to understand the meeting rules and theme.
- Find out the process for asking questions and submit questions ahead of time and during the meeting.
- Keep your questions clear and concise.
- Know how to use "raise hand" function in the online platform if questions will be received in real time.

## In a Meeting

- Be clear and concise in your question. Limit preamble. If the meeting has a theme, stay on topic.
- Line up early or follow the submission process promptly.

## In Person

- Have your questions prepared and available by your front door when the candidates visit.
- Seek out candidates at events or other handshaking opportunities and engage them in conversation with your clear and concise question.
- Drop by their campaign office or email them directly asking for answers.