



Politics

As fallen and imperfect human beings, there will always be a struggle with where people seek to place their ultimate allegiance. As Americans who follow Jesus, God would have us recognize that we are citizens of two kingdoms—the Kingdom of God¹, first and foremost, and the kingdom of the United States. While it is good and right for all citizens to be grateful for the nation in which we live and thank God for His blessings through it, our ultimate identity, well-being and fulfillment will not be found in our national way of life or in a particular political ideology nor will our salvation be found in the leadership of one fallible human candidate. While human leadership within our country is necessary and needed, our identity and salvation will always and only be found in Christ as we live out our lives in God's Kingdom through our faith in Him. Patriotism is admirable and should be respected and honored. Idolatry, on the other hand, is forbidden by God and should be run from and repented of². We cannot serve two masters.

Therefore, our ultimate calling is to help all people find and follow Jesus, no matter their political persuasion. As a result, North Metro Church will not align itself with a particular political leader, candidate, or party so that the message of Jesus will remain free from any encumbrance that would hinder another person from fully receiving it.

While we believe that it is right for NMC, as an institution, to refrain from any political alliances or allegiances, two specific situations warrant the lifting of our voices.

#1 The right to vote is a privilege and a responsibility for all citizens. We encourage followers of Jesus at North Metro Church to use their political rights and influence to work for the common good and well-being of all citizens. We believe this can be a good and just calling of a follower of Jesus. And we should never lose sight of the fact that every person, has been made in the image of God³. Therefore, since God has already ascribed His value and worth to them, it is good, right, holy and mandated by God that we should treat one another with dignity and respect regardless of political affiliation.

#2 Should the leaders of North Metro Church discern political situations that have arisen that stand in opposition of Biblical truth, and which would require a Christian to act in a manner that is contrary to the clear teaching and requirements of God's Word, they will use their voices and influence to call out evil and injustice and stand up and cry out for God's justice⁴.

1. Philippians 3:20-21
 2. Exodus 20:3-5
 3. Genesis 1:27
 4. Micah 6:8 (NIV)