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Dear Youth Ministry Coordinators,

As our nation approaches this upcoming election, I'm sure the topics of citizenship and public duty are on the forefront of many Americans' minds, including our young people. Although such times can spark controversy and divisions, it's important to focus on the positives and goodness of civil society and the role we play in it as disciples of Jesus striving to share the Good News and build God's kingdom on earth. As ministers, not on is it important to create a safe space for healthy dialogue, but it's critical to understand where young people are coming from in relation to these topics.

Springtide Research Institute, an organization focused on the state of young people and religion, has recently published their latest research [\*"Cultivating Care – How & Why Young People Participate in Civic Life"\*](#). This research shows how adults can exemplify and foster the care young people crave to raise the next generation of civic-minded citizens. This may be a helpful resource for you and your leaders to better understand young people's mindset when it comes to civic life and how to engage and accompany them.

May God bless you as you continue to serve young people!

Blessings,

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