

On Politics

Eight Points of Understanding

1. The Elders strive to keep the corporate body free of political involvement, whether as perceived by others or in actual practice.
2. Church leaders at all levels make it their goal to keep Christ at the center of their lives and of the church, above and beyond any private loyalties they might otherwise grant to political candidates or party affiliation.
3. The Elders do not allow the promotion or endorsement of individual candidates within the church, even though members of the church are elected officials or have been in the past at the local, state and national levels.
4. From time to time, Mosaic's facility is used by civic and/or community organizations for forums, programs or events that some people may consider too political or ecumenical in nature for an evangelical church (like ours) to be in any way cooperating. In allowing such organizations to use our facility, the Elders hope to promote the building of relationships and community beyond the distinctions of this world that so often and otherwise divide; and thus to sow peace in our world on behalf of the Prince of Peace, namely, Jesus Christ, with whom we are aligned. Unless otherwise stated, such use of our facility should not be misconstrued by anyone - in any way, at any time - as a tacit endorsement of the sponsoring organization.
5. The church sees no problem in personally supporting members holding political office through prayer and encouragement. However, the church will not officially support them in their candidacy, party politics or public policies.
6. For the sake of unity, the Elders encourage members to "Check your politics at the door," and to align themselves first and foremost with the Prince of Peace in all interaction with one another, especially during election years.
7. This being understood, the Elders do encourage members to be involved in the political process outside the church as their interests or convictions might dictate.
8. The church does not typically address issues of political concern not specifically addressed in the Bible.