BATTLE FOR DEMOCRACY

MAY 5, 2026

PRIMARY ELECTION INFORMATION

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FROM KNOWING TO ACTION

There is an ancient and sobering reminder found in Hosea 4:6:
“My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge.”
It is not merely a spiritual warning, but a communal one—underscoring what happens when understanding is absent, voices go unheard, and truth is neglected.

As we navigate 2026, **Greater Cleveland Congregations stands at the forefront of leading our community from awareness to action.** This is a moment that calls for informed leadership, collective courage, and a renewed commitment to learning, listening, and responding together.

Knowledge is not passive. It moves people to act.
Wisdom does not isolate—it organizes.
And when understanding is shared, communities are strengthened rather than diminished.

Greater Cleveland Congregations is uniquely positioned to help the region bridge gaps between experience and insight, faith and action, challenge and solution. By grounding our work in education, relationship-building, and accountability, we reject the consequences of ignorance and choose a future shaped by clarity and purpose. In a time when confusion and division can easily take root, this community is being invited into deeper discernment, seeking truth, cultivating understanding, and transforming concern into collective movement.

Let 2026 be marked as a year when our communities helped lead the way:
- From knowing to action
- From listening to organizing
- From understanding to sustainable change

Because communities do not falter for lack of care—they falter for lack of shared and truthful knowledge. **And when knowledge leads, people flourish.**

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Elections should be free and fair — but in Ohio, many eligible voters feel their voices don’t matter. GCC’s ongoing Battle for Democracy campaign is changing that by building lasting relationships with depressed and suppressed voters, turning hopelessness into power.

WHAT’S DIFFERENT IN THIS ELECTION

There have been, and will be changes to where and how we vote. What is the same is GCC will keep you up to date. Over 73,000 voters will be impacted — that likely means you, your family, or your neighbor. Voting matters more than ever — and being prepared is power.

WHAT'S ON THE BALLOT

DON'T SKIP THE JUDGES!!

MOST OF THE PEOPLE INCARCERATED IN OUR LOCAL JAIL ARE NOT THERE BECAUSE THEY WERE CONVICTED OF A CRIME.

RATHER, THEY ARE SIMPLY AWAITING TRIAL.

GCC has long been concerned about pretrial justice. We are working to eliminate unnecessary delays which prevent people from having an opportunity to post bond.
We would like to see stronger coordination across court systems, supported by an improved centralized booking system that actually aligns resources and helps courts quickly determine who should be held before trial and who can be released.

We encourage voters to pay particular attention to the Cuyahoga County Common Pleas General Division Judges, because these are the Judges who preside over serious criminal cases.

THIS YEAR CUYAHOGA COUNTY VOTERS WILL BE ELECTING NINE COMMON PLEAS GENERAL DIVISION JUDGES.

While five of these races currently only have one candidate, there are four races where the voters will have a choice this year.

COMMON PLEAS GENERAL DIVISION JUDGES IN THE MAY 5TH DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY

James Sean Gallagher
v.
William Vodrey

WINNER WILL GO ON TO THE NOV 3RD GENERAL ELECTION

Gallagher/Vodrey winner v. Timothy W. Clary
Kira Krivosh v. Jacob Westfall
Antonio S. Nicholson v. Fallon Marie Radigan
Morgan Raye Caruso v. Daryl T. Dennie

ALSO IN THE MAY 5TH PRIMARY

FEDERAL OFFICES
- **1 US Senate Seat**
- **All 15 US House Seats**

OHIO STATE OFFICES
- **Ohio Governor**
- **Ohio Attorney General**
- **Ohio Secretary of State**
- **Ohio Treasures**
- **Ohio Auditor**
- **Ohio Supreme Court**

COUNTY OFFICES
- **County Executive**
- **County Council**
- **Court of Common Pleas**
- **Appellate Court**

Please check your sample ballot for these offices and your local municipality at
boe.cuyahogacounty.gov/voters/Get-a-Sample-Ballot

REGISTERING TO VOTE

Voter registration for the May Primary ended April 6th. If you missed the deadline, be sure to register for the November 3rd General Elction. Here's how.

REGISTER TO VOTE ONLINE AT THESE WEBSITES:
Ohio Secretary of State olvr.ohiosos.gov
Cuyahoga County Board of Elections boe.cuyahogacounty.us/en-US/voter-registration

OR, TO OBTAIN A PRINTED VOTER REGISTRATION FORM:
- call your Cuyahoga County Board of Elections at (216) 443-8683
- or download one at sos.state.oh.us/sos/upload/elections/forms/4010.pdf

VOTING BY MAIL

REQUEST A VOTE BY MAIL APPLICATION
- online at boe.cuyahogacounty.gov/voters/Request-a-Vote-by-Mail-Application
- write to Cuyahoga County Board of Elections, P.O. Box 89448, Cleveland, OH 44101
- or call (216) 443-8683

IMPORTANT VOTE BY MAIL DETAILS
- All applications must be requested by April 28th in order to be processed to receive ballot in time for election
- Complete and mail in your ballot immediately.
- Follow instructions enclosed with your ballot carefully.
- Return your completed ballot by mail or in person to
- Cuyahoga County Board of Elections, 1803 Superior Ave, Cleveland OH 44114. They have a drop off box in the parking lot.
- Ballots must be received no later than 7:30 p.m. on Election Day (May 5th)
- Track My Ballot - check the status of both your VBM application boe.cuyahogacounty.gov/voters/track-my-ballot

SCAN THE QR CODE FOR CUYAHOGA COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS WEBSITE

VOTING EARLY (IN PERSON)

The only location for early voting is The Cuyahoga County Board or Elections
New Address **1803 Superior Ave, Cleveland OH 44114**

Weekdays*	April 7 – 24	8:00 AM - 5:00 PM
Monday	April 27	7:30 AM - 7:30 PM
Tuesday	April 28	7:30 AM - 8:30 PM
Weekdays*	April 29 - May 1	7:30 AM - 7:30 PM
Saturday	May 2	8:00 AM - 4:00 PM
Sunday	May 3	1:00 PM - 5:00 PM

* Weekdays are denoted as Monday through Friday

VOTING ON MAY 5TH (ELECTION DAY)

WHERE TO VOTE
Please check your location and NEW VOTER ID REQUIREMENTS prior to voting.
boe.cuyahogacounty.gov/voters/get-your-voting-information
www.sos.state.oh.us

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