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North Dallas Churches Join National “Souls to Polls” Early Vote Movement
Delta Sigma Theta Sorority to provide transportation to polls after church services

Dallas, TX -- Congregations at Christian Chapel Temple of Faith in North Dallas and Mt. Hebron Missionary Baptist Church in Garland will be participating in the “Souls to Polls” ecumenical movement to encourage early voting on Sunday, October 28th by traveling to local voting precincts immediately following church services. This is one of the largest voter turnout efforts of its kind taking place in North Texas, which offers only one Sunday for early voting in the upcoming general election.

Casting early votes after Sunday services is a popular ritual for African American congregations in states where early voting is available. On Sunday, October 28th the churches are partnering with Delta Sigma Theta Sorority North Dallas Suburban Alumnae Chapter to drive church members directly from services to local voting precincts -- caravan style.

At 1 p.m. congregations at both churches will proceed from church parking lots to designated polling locations. Drivers departing from Christian Chapel Temple of Faith will be headed to Fretz Park Recreation Center on Beltline and Hillcrest in Dallas. Mt. Hebron Missionary Baptist participants will be headed to Garland City Hall.

This election year has seen a surge in the number of states limiting or seeking to limit the early voting period, including Sunday voting. In Texas, the early voting period opens October 22nd, a Monday and concludes on Friday, November 2nd -- leaving Sunday, October 28th as the only Sunday for large numbers of church-going voters to go to the polls after services.

“Delta Sigma Theta has a long history of supporting the right of all Americans to vote, dating back to the days of the women’s suffrage movement,” said Jada Burton, president of the sorority’s North Dallas Suburban Alumnae Chapter. “Our goal is to strike a mighty blow against voter apathy and remove obstacles to voting -- including having transportation to the polls. We are actively engaged in educating and motivating eligible citizens to vote and to encourage others to do likewise.”

“Souls to Polls” is a national initiative which teams church congregations with civic and community-based organizations to encourage voter turnout. Christian Chapel Temple of Faith, led by Pastor Kwesi R. Kamau, is located at 14120 Noel Road, Dallas. Mt. Hebron Missionary Baptist Church, led by Pastor Leonard O. Leach, is located at 1233 Texas Highway 66, Garland.

About Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.

Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. Is a public service organization founded in 1913 on the campus of Howard University to promote academic excellence; to provide support to the underserved; to educate and stimulate participation in the establishment of positive public policy; and to highlight issues and provide solutions for problems in their communities. Today, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority has over 250,000 members and more than 1000 chapters worldwide. The North Dallas Suburban Alumnae chapter, chartered in 1996, continues the sorority’s tradition of sisterhood and service by implementing programs in response to identified local community concerns.

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