



CIRCLE *of* PROTECTION

Presidential Candidate Advocacy Initiative

Who?

The Circle of Protection is a diverse alliance of Christian leaders who are heads of denominations, agencies, national organizations, and academic institutions. The Circle of Protection has requested videos on hunger and poverty from presidential candidates in each election cycle since 2012.

What?

The Circle of Protection is again asking each presidential candidate to produce a one-to-three-minute video outlining what he or she “would do as president to offer help and opportunity to hungry and poor people in the United States and around the world.” These videos will be shared with our church members and constituents and the media. We expect that the videos will generate commentary, but the Circle of Protection will not publicly evaluate what the different candidates say or endorse any candidate.

Why?

Hunger and poverty are critically important issues that Christians care deeply about. Ending hunger and poverty is a goal that unites Christian leaders across the broad theological and social diversity of the churches. We also join together in condemning racism, which has contributed to the persistence of poverty in our country. Political candidates, however, are often reluctant to speak on these issues. Our goal is to make hunger and poverty a significant campaign issue in the 2024 presidential elections.

How?

The Circle of Protection is requesting each candidate to produce a short video. As we receive videos, they will be posted on the Circle of Protection website (www.circleofprotection.us).

Many signers of the letter will distribute and promote the videos to their constituents through their own websites, publications, and social media. Significant effort will be made to promote the videos to the general public through media work throughout the campaign season.

Following the conventions in the summer of 2024, we will ask for updated videos from the party nominees and credible third-party candidates. These videos will be distributed broadly to our constituents and the media.

Contact

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