

Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between Pax Christi USA and the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People

The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) and Pax Christi USA (PCUSA) agree to collaborate in the Voting Justice Project, a nonpartisan, nongovernmental effort to facilitate the monitoring of the US General Election by international election observers.

To this end, in general terms, Pax Christi USA will be responsible for recruitment, as well as financing and coordinating the travel of the international observers and the NAACP will aid with directing them to polling places and collaborating with local NAACP observers; both parties will work together to coordinate press work, training, etc.

Specifically, Pax Christi USA agrees to the following roles and responsibilities:

1. Recruit volunteers from the Pax Christi's International network and aligned international groups to serve as International Election Observers under the auspices of the NAACP and PCUSA.
2. Finance all international and domestic travel expenses to and from the United States.
3. Facilitate all VISA applications and troubleshoot any VISA difficulties.
4. Assume responsibility for the international guests as per the VISA process.
5. Provide housing, meals and local transport for international volunteers deployed in Florida.
6. Make provisions for unforeseen or emergency needs of international visitors.
7. In conjunction with the NAACP, draft a pre-election evaluation to be issued under the auspices of the project that will outline the concerns and express the intent of the project for media distribution.
8. In conjunction with the NAACP, brief and train international volunteers in preparation for election-day. -Sunday, October 31 in South Florida
9. In conjunction with the NAACP, draft and issue a report on the US General Election from the data gathered by international observers.
10. Provide two PCUSA communications staff to collaborate with the NAACP's press office for ongoing media work.

11. Provide a PCUSA Project Manager to work directly with the NAACP identified national staff and local contacts for ongoing oversight of the project.
12. Make readily available the Bishop President, Executive Director, Policy Director, , and other PCUSA leadership as needed to support the project.
13. Organize and host an election-night gathering for all international volunteers, PCUSA and NAACP representatives in order to be together to watch the election returns Tuesday evening in Miami.
14. Maintain a flexible and collegial posture toward unforeseen challenges and opportunities that impact on the positive outcome of the project.

To this end, the NAACP agrees to the following roles and responsibilities:

1. In conjunction with PCUSA, issue a press statement announcing the partnership between the NAACP and PCUSA on the Voting Justice project.
2. Provide media support for the project through the NAACP press office in coordination with PCUSA communications staff.
3. In conjunction with PCUSA, develop a website for the project with links to the NAACP and PCUSA existing sites, if feasible.
4. Identify NAACP national staff as point person to work in an ongoing manner with the PCUSA Project Manager.
5. Facilitate the participation of local NAACP representatives in the project.
6. Provide the NAACP representatives to participate in the briefing and training of international volunteers (Sunday, October 31)
7. Identify precincts within the four Florida counties where the NAACP believes international monitors would be most helpful.
8. Provide NAACP representatives to accompany the international observer teams in the identified counties in Florida—Miami-Dade, Broward, Palm Beach and Duval.
9. Provide all logistical, training, housing, meals and local transport for international observers placed outside the four Florida counties listed above.
10. Make available to the international observers, the cooperation of the NAACP monitors at individual polling sites for interviews and data sharing.

- 11. In conjunction with PCUSA, produce a design for t-shirts for use by the international volunteers clearly identifying them as NAACP/PCUSA International Election Observers.
- 12. In conjunction with PCUSA, produce a post election report on the international observations.
- 13. Maintain a flexible and collegial posture toward unforeseen challenges and opportunities that impact on the positive outcome of the project.

Relationship of the Parties:

- 1. Nothing herein shall constitute Pax Christi's volunteer observers as employees or agents of the NAACP.
- 2. Pax Christi shall indemnify and hold harmless the NAACP for any and all injuries resulting to any third parties or to any of Pax Christi's volunteers as a result of Pax Christi's volunteers as a result of Pax Christi's negligent actions or said volunteers' participation as a volunteer observer.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties have executed this MOU as of the date(s) set forth below:

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