



FOA VALLEY NEWS

Your community resource hub to increase civic participation through faith-based and civic organizations.



"GET INTO GOOD TROUBLE!"

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On Saturday July 17, 2021 Faith Organizing Alliance Co-Hosted the "Remembering John Lewis" Candlelight Vigil alongside partners Chispa Nevada, The Nevada Conservation League, and Common Cause, held at First African Methodist Episcopal Church (FAME) 2446 Revere St. North Las Vegas, Nevada; with Pastor Karen Anderson. We were joined by Congresswoman Dina Titus who remarked of the many occasions having stood with John Lewis here in Las Vegas, Nevada stating 'probably' at the very location this vigil was held and how they would join forces in 'shut-ins'; one being over the gun bill. She said serving with John Lewis was her greatest honor. Senator Steven Horsford urged the crowd that "we need to reauthorize the Voting Rights Act" aka the John Lewis Voting Rights Enhancement Act and mentioned how "we need more people engaged on these issues, because if we're not engaged then the other side might win." There was also a strong push from District 6 Assemblywoman Sondra Summers-Armstrong to get people engaged and "apply the necessary pressure, get in the necessary trouble" to get this bill through. [WATCH VIGIL HERE.](#)

We celebrate Rep. John Lewis this year and every year as he was a civil rights activist who devoted his life to racial justice and equality. He succeeded in many key roles in the civil rights movement and its actions to end legalized racial segregation in the U.S. In 1965, and was an American statesman and civil rights activist serving in the United States House of Representatives for Georgia's 5th congressional district from 1987 until his death in 2020.
[Learn more of the John Lewis Voter Rights Advancement Act.](#)

"Do not get lost in a sea of despair. Be hopeful, be optimistic. Our struggle is not the struggle of a day, a week, a month, or a year, it is the struggle of a lifetime. Never, ever be afraid to make some noise and get in good trouble, necessary trouble." - Rep. John Lewis

HELP ENGAGE OUR COMMUNITY INTO ACTION!

Faith Organizing Alliance (FOA) is COMMITTED to educating our communities in partnership with faith and civic groups on political issues, clean energy, voting rights, economic and social justice for Nevada's future. We offer many opportunities to connect with the community by volunteering, door canvassing, phone bank, recruiting for events and supporting FOA on Social Media events. Click [HERE](#) to [JOIN OUR TEAM](#) or visit https://www.faithorganizingalliance.org/get_involved.

For your voice to be heard, you must REGISTER TO VOTE! Who can register? Individuals 18 and older; including newly eligible voters who were formerly incarcerated. You can also update your information ie., if you need to update your address, name or change political party. **REGISTER TO VOTE HERE** or go to <https://tinyurl.com/foanv1>

WHAT'S NEXT:

- **FAITH ORGANIZING ALLIANCE IS HIRING!** WE ARE LOOKING FOR SOME SPIRITED INDIVIDUALS TO JOIN THE TEAM. POSITIONS AVAILABLE:
 - TEAM LEAD
 - CANVASSER
 FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT: FAITH@FAITHORGANIZINGALLIANCE.ORG
- **COVID TESTING & VACCINATION SITES**
 - ONGOING - VACCINATION SITES WITH SOUTHERN NEVADA HEALTH DISTRICT AND PARTNER VACCINATION CLINICS: [HTTPS://COVID.SOUTHERNNEVADAHEALTHDISTRICT.ORG/VACCINE/DISTRIBUTION/](https://COVID.SOUTHERNNEVADAHEALTHDISTRICT.ORG/VACCINE/DISTRIBUTION/)
 - ONGOING - COVID-19 TESTING SITES WITH SOUTHERN NEVADA HEALTH DISTRICT.: [HTTP://COVID.SOUTHERNNEVADAHEALTHDISTRICT.ORG/TESTING/](http://COVID.SOUTHERNNEVADAHEALTHDISTRICT.ORG/TESTING/)

SAVE THE DATE:

- 2 YEAR PASTORAL CELEBRATION - 12/15-17/2021 HONORING SENIOR PASTOR DR. ROSE M. GASTON. FOLLOW GHIM ON FACEBOOK FOR MORE INFO.

"My dear friends: Your vote is precious, almost sacred. It is the most powerful nonviolent tool we have to create a more perfect union."

—Rep. John Lewis

