

# 2017 Values Voter Guide

For York County, PA, Primary Election of Tues., May 16, 2017  
 For all candidates for office (Judge & Other). Compiled by Conservative Christian Center (CCC). Info@ConservativeChristianCenter.org

A rating of A, B, C, D or F will be issued when this survey is tabulated. This information will be provided to the attendees of the Friday 5/5/17 Candidate Forum for their review before voting in a Straw Poll survey for their favorite candidates. The following is for publication as indicated at the end. These questions are designed to help church-going Christians choose the candidates they wish to vote for based on having an informed conscience and more information about the background, philosophy, experience and beliefs of those candidates seeking their vote in the May, 2017 GOP primary. Not all questions will be graded.

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**Survey Questions.** See instructions for sending this to us at the end.

### I. Background & Experience (all candidates)

- Date of birth 1-29-1973
- If attorney, law school name & date of your law degree Widener Univ School of Law, Dec 1997
- If attorney, state your area of concentration currently Judge of the Court of Common Pleas of Blair County, previous prosecutor (15 years) Civil litigator (12 years)
- Military service?  No  If Yes: Branch of service, rank & date upon separation from service U.S. Army Reserves 1990-1996, E-4
- What were your most recent work experience?  
 Start & End Years: Firm Name and position:
  - Judge, Court of Common Pleas 2014 - present
  - Blair County District Attorneys Office ~~2011-2013~~ 1998-2013
  - Law Office of Wade Kagarise 2001-2013
- What are your most significant accomplishments in your most recent work experience? (you may use separate paper if you prefer):  
Have handled numerous and significant matters as a Judge prosecutor and civil litigator

7. What are your most significant lifetime work accomplishments?

Serving as a hard working and dedicated lawyer for fifteen years and now a hard working Judge

8. What are your most significant lifetime achievements?

Public service, Veteran, Prosecutor, Professor, Judge

9. What is your greatest strength? Hard working, fair, loyal

10. What is your greatest weakness? Occasionally, I micromanage

11. What do you wish to accomplish if you win the office you are seeking (use separate sheet if you prefer)

To serve as a hard working, ethical, dedicated Superior Court Judge who follows the law & Constitution

12. What is your marital status?  Married  Single  Divorced  Separated

13. How have your achievements, experience and strengths prepared you for the position you now seek?

I have broad based legal and judicial experience and have a strong desire to serve my country and community.

## II. Philosophy and Faith

14. Which of the following U.S. presidents best represents your political philosophy?

- John F. Kennedy  Ronald Reagan  George Bush  Bill Clinton  
 George W. Bush  Barack Obama  Donald J. Trump

15. Please list the five organizations, charities or causes in which you are most involved as a member or supporter, through contributions and/or through volunteering your time.

1. Rotary (Current Vice-President)
2. Local community service projects
3. Veterans Groups
4. Bar Association Groups
- 5.

16. What is your position on increased funding for Educational Improvement Tax Credits (EITC) and Opportunity Scholarship Tax Credits (OSTC) where the state budget includes an increase in public school funding?

- Favor  Oppose  Undecided

17. Which statement reflects your position most accurately?

- I support legalized abortion.  
 I oppose legalized abortion in all circumstances.  
 I oppose legalized abortion, except when the life of the mother is in danger or the pregnancy is a result of rape or incest.

18. What is your position on amending Pennsylvania's anti-discrimination laws to include specific provisions to protect the religious liberties of religious institutions and the rights of conscience of business owners and employees.

- Favor  Oppose  Undecided

See attached



19. Do you favor or oppose legislation that would make sexual orientation and gender identity, protected classes similar to other groups protected by law such as race, religion, sex?  
 Favor  Oppose  Undecided *See attached*
20. Do you favor or oppose President Trump's stated goal of deporting illegal aliens who have been found guilty of criminal acts in the U.S.?  
 Favor  Oppose  Undecided
21. Should the federal government be required to disclose to local communities where and when they place unaccompanied minor illegal aliens (ie. DACA, or "Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals, ie. Executive amnesty for illegal alien children abandoned by their illegal alien parents to secure their future status in USA).  
 Favor  Oppose  Undecided
22. Do you support the proposal (Kate's Law) to impose a 5 year prison sentence on any illegal alien who returns to America after having been deported?  
 Favor  Oppose  Undecided
23. Do you favor cutting off federal and state funds to any locality which protects illegal aliens from law enforcement (ie. Sanctuary Cities, aka outlaw cities)?  
 Favor  Oppose  Undecided
24. What is your position on allowing illegal aliens to become U.S. legal residents with a "path to citizenship"?  
 Favor  Oppose  Undecided *We need to secure the border before this can be considered*
25. What is your position on providing a tax credit to businesses that donate to scholarship organizations that provide scholarships for low-income students at private and religious schools in grades kindergarten through 12?  
 Favor  Oppose  Undecided
26. President John F. Kennedy's well known "Separation of Church and State" 1960 speech, actually said that those who step out into the public square must be silent on this critical subject of what guides them in life when they seek office in the United States.  
 Agree  Disagree  Undecided
27. Things have changed since the time America's founding fathers believed that our rights come from God. Today there is a balance to be struck between those rights and the needs of government to provide for what people want.  
 Agree  Disagree  Undecided *see attached*
28. How do you feel about the war against Christians which aims to force them to provide abortion services against their own teachings? Do you agree or disagree with this interpretation of the law as it is being enforced today?  
 Agree  Disagree  Undecided *see attached*
29. Do you support the repeal of the Johnson Amendment, whereby a Pastor or Rabbi must refrain from criticizing the government, any elected official, or any policy such as abortion from the pulpit, because John F. Kennedy made a speech declaring a "separation of church and state" and also said this is "absolute." Do you favor this policy?  
 Favor Repeal  Oppose Repeal  Undecided
30. A candidate for President once affirmed "the centrality of his faith" in his making his decisions as a U.S. Senator and in public life. He was condemned by some for saying he used a moral compass, including his faith and belief in Jesus Christ, to determine his position on the issues of the day. They said that he had violated the "separation of Church and State". Do you agree with him, or his critics who say you should leave your faith out of public life?  
 My faith is my compass in public life & I will say so.  I agree with the critics, leave faith out of politics
31. Is it wrong to force a faith-based medical institutions to perform abortions and to carry insurance for abortion "morning after" pills for all their employees?  
 Yes it is wrong  No the law is OK as is  Undecided *see attached*
32. The participation in the public policy process, including registering to vote, voting in primaries and voting in general elections, on the part of Church-going Christians, is diminishing every year, while the number of agnostics, atheists and Muslims, is growing. Would you prefer to reverse that trend by having more church going Christians participate, or is this trend a healthy thing? (source: Pew Foundation).

More Church going Christians should participate & vote       The trend is healthy and normal

33. There are reports of increased local deaths and crimes from drugs. What is the top reason for this (choose 1)?

- Drug distribution by illegal aliens who are part of Latin American gangs such as MS-13  
 illegal aliens in general       people are just using more drugs       general increase in crime  
 other – please indicate in 1 or several words a decrease in stable institutions

34. The number one failing of the administration of President Barack Obama was (please use one or several words):

Failure to provide American leadership around the world

35. The most important achievement of President Ronald Reagan was (please use one or several words):

The ability to provide American leadership

36. The most important focus for President Donald J. Trump should be (please use one or several words):

Public safety

37. Do you agree that "sex" in Title IX refers to biological sex as established by one's DNA, or can "sex" in Title IX be redefined to include one's "gender identity" or an individual's understanding of whether that person feels male or female? Should one's sex be determined:

- at birth     by a statement of belief      see attached

38. Do you regularly attend a church?     Yes     No     Occasionally

39. Your church (name and city/town) ~~Retired~~ Baptist United Church of Christ, Have

40. Are you formally signed up as a member of this church?     Yes     No

attended others

41. Please provide your Statement of Faith or your Life Philosophy (up to 100 words) (or attach a typed sheet):

I am a ~~Catholic~~ Christian and believe in God and Christ Jesus. I believe in living life by treating others as I would like to be treated.

### III. For Attorneys

42. Which U.S. Supreme Court Justice best reflects your judicial philosophy?

- Roberts     Kennedy     Ginsburg     Kagan     Thomas     Breyer  
 Sotomayor     Alito     (The late) Antonin Scalia     Neil Gorsuch (unconfirmed)

43. If seeking a judicial position (only) rate your judicial philosophy on a scale of 1-10 with "living document" approach being a "1" and "strict construction" or "originalist" being a "10" (circle your answer).

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

44. Do you believe that Roe v. Wade U.S. 113 (1973), insofar as it recognizes a "right to privacy" that includes abortion under the United States Constitution, was correctly or incorrectly decided (Circle One)?

- Correctly decided       Incorrectly decided       Undecided/unsure

45. Do you believe that the Pennsylvania Constitution permits display of the Ten Commandments in courtrooms?

- Yes     No     Undecided

Decline to answer (why?) \_\_\_\_\_



46. If you have been an attorney, have you appeared in court regularly, occasionally or not at all in the last 10 yrs?  
 Regularly    occasionally    not at all

47. What percentage of your legal practice, if an attorney, was 50 civil, versus 50 criminal?  
 Favor    Oppose    Undecided

**Affirmation:** *I do hereby warrant and affirm that the preceding survey questions have been answered truthfully by the undersigned & to the best of my knowledge are complete & do represent my personal views and knowledge.*

Signature Wade A. [Signature] Date 4-28-2017  
*(only the candidate listed on page 1 is eligible to sign)*

**Please sign & fax by Friday, April 28 to (855) 788-1737**  
or as a PDF/email to [Survey@ConservativeChristianCenter.org](mailto:Survey@ConservativeChristianCenter.org).

*A PDF which you may enter your answers on (and then print out) is at:*

[ConservativeChristianCenter.org/2017/ValuesSurvey](http://ConservativeChristianCenter.org/2017/ValuesSurvey)

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**RSVP@ConservativeChristianCenter.org**

***Your Candidate Survey answers will be reported at***

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We encourage campaign-capable candidates to make further use of this information on their own Facebook page, website, twitter and their own media news releases. Why not reach out to Church-going Christians? If you value the value voters TELL them so. 82% of Church-going Christians voted for Donald Trump for President because he appealed to them, and his record breaking performance with this population segment enabled him to carry Pennsylvania and several other battleground states, and become President. We welcome both donations to help pay for this literature distribution effort as well as volunteers to help distribute the finished 2017 Values Voter Guide for York County PA.

*Several of these survey questions were also asked by the Pennsylvania Family Institute in 2015; we will send this to their office to save you the trouble, while also reporting as indicated below, your response to these and our questions as we have advised them in advance. Please be sure to sign your name at the end before returning this completed form).*

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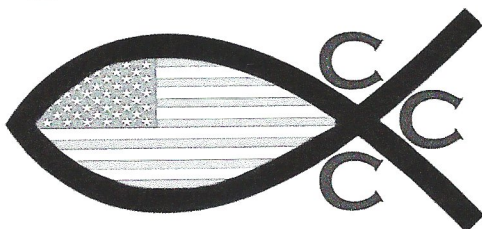
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