

# 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](mailto: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)

1. Date of birth 1978
2. If attorney, law school name & date of your law degree Dickinson School of Law - 2008
3. If attorney, state your area of concentration none- I practice in all areas of law the Court of Common Pleas oversees.
4. Military service?  No  If Yes: Branch of service, rank & date upon separation from service \_\_\_\_\_
5. What were your most recent work experience?  

Start & End Years:	Firm Name and position:
(a) <u>2006 - present</u>	<u>Trinity Law, formerly Menges &amp; McLaughlin, PC, shareholder</u>
(b) _____	_____
(c) _____	_____
6. What are your most significant accomplishments in your most recent work experience? (you may use separate paper if you prefer):  
2016 - named Top Lawyer by Global Directory of Who's Who; 2014 - Central Penn Business Journal top 40 under 40; 2012 to present - lecture on concealed firearms laws throughout South Central PA; local counsel for HSLDA

7. What are your most significant lifetime work accomplishments?

Receiving regional recognition for being shareholder of Christian law firm; Successfully representing homeschool mother charged with truancy; Cutting taxes as a Dover Township Supervisor.

8. What are your most significant lifetime achievements?

Mentoring boys to become Godly men; Sitting on the Board for Typical Life, an organization that serves people with disabilities; my children.

9. What is your greatest strength? Servant Leadership

10. What is your greatest weakness? Organization

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

I want to glorify God and let His light shine through me to all those have the experience of coming into contact with the court system.

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 a strong legal background in every area I would oversee as a Judge. I have shown myself to be a strong, but humble leader - in the community, at work, in church, and in my own home.

## 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. Human Life Services
2. Typical Life Corporation
3. Providence Presbyterian Church
4. National Rifle Association
5. Compassion International

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

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
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
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
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
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
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 \_\_\_\_\_

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

35. The most important achievement of President Ronald Reagan was (please use one or several words):  
Ending the Cold War through peace by strength

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

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

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

39. Your church (name and city/town) Providence Presbyterian Church, York, PA

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

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

At an earlier age I accepted Jesus Christ as my personal Savior. Since that time I strive to glorify God through my every word, deed and thought. I fail in doing that, and regularly ask forgiveness for my sin, knowing that Christ's completed work on the cross paid the full penalty for my sin.

### 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 65% civil, versus 35% 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 Matthew Date 4-27-17  
*(only the candidate listed on page 1 is eligible to sign)*

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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/2017MaySurvey](http://ConservativeChristianCenter.org/2017MaySurvey)*

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**[RSVP@ConservativeChristianCenter.org](mailto:RSVP@ConservativeChristianCenter.org)**

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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.

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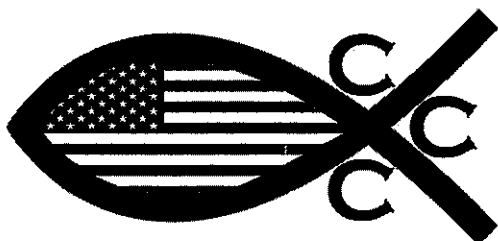
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