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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)

1. Date of birth 6/27/1961
2. If attorney, law school name & date of your law degree
3. If attorney, state your area of concentration
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) Jan 2014 - current	York Co. Coroner's Office	York Co. Coroner
(b) April 2011 - Dec. 2013	WellSpan York Hospital	Sexual Assault Nurse/ Forensic Nurse Examiner
(c) Sept. 2001 - Dec. 2012	Self-employed Susquehanna Valley Legal Nurse medical-legal Consulting	Consultant

6. What are your most significant accomplishments in your most recent work experience? *(You may use separate paper if you prefer):*

(1) Co-founder of the York Co. Heroin Task Force - have presented/served as panelist @ 120 public/private entities since Summer of 2014 - Opioid Education & Prevention Education - Have assisted in areas of legislation, equipping law enforcement with Naloxone thru D. A.

(2) Introduction & implementation of bereavement volunteers for families who've suddenly lost a loved one

(3) ~~Distribution and~~ More efficient dissemination of information of public interest via Twitter

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 * Does not apply to coroner's office

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 * Does not apply to coroner's office

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 * Does not apply to coroner's office

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 * does not apply to coroner's office

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 * Does not apply to coroner's office

24. What is your position on allowing illegal aliens to become U.S. legal residents with a "path to citizenship"?
☐Favor ☐Oppose ☐Undecided * Does not apply to coroner's office

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 Husband serves on the school board of CSY x 20 yrs * Does not apply to coroner's office but

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 * I am not silent regarding my faith - have publicly professed it repeatedly as coroner.

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 * Does not apply to the coroner's office

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 relates to abortion and prior * have answered abortion question - this question does not apply to the coroner's office
☐Agree ☐Disagree ☐Undecided

29. Do you support the repeal of the Johnson Amendment, whereby a Pastor or Rabbi must refrain from criticizing the government and elected officials, or any policy such as abortion from the pulpit, because John F. Kennedy made a speech where he used "separation of church and state" and also said this is "absolute." Do you favor this policy?
☐Favor Repeal ☐Oppose Repeal ☐Undecided * Does not apply to coroner's office

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 * I could not do my job as well without my faith.

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 * Does not apply to coroner's office

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). I would love to have more Christians educate themselves and participate in the political process.

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

☐Regularly ☐occensionally ☐not at all

47. What percentage of your legal practice, if an attorney, was ____**civil**, versus ____**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 Pamela K. Gay **Date** 5/3/2017

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.

A PDF which you may enter your answers on (and then print out) is at:
ConservativeChristianCenter.org/2017MaySurvey.

To reserve your speaking slot at the Candidate Forum (between 3 to 6 minutes per speaker, depending on how many respond) where your completed survey will be released together with your grade (A thru F for failing/no response) and where attendees will vote in a Straw Poll:
RSVP@ConservativeChristianCenter.org

Your Candidate Survey answers will be reported at

(1) YorkCountyAction.com* website (2) York County Action* Facebook page. (3) Conservative Christian Center (CCC)** website (4) CCC e-newsletter. (5) at the CCC Candidate Forum (free meeting) of 5/5/17, (6) released to local news media and (7) distributed as a CCC brochure to churches in York County and Cumberland County. Your response will also be shared with the Pennsylvania Family Institute in Harrisburg, PA to use as they determine.

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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8. What are your most significant lifetime ~~work accomplishments~~ achievement?
Raising two children that were not our biological children (our great niece and great nephew) for 5 yrs with our own 2 children while their mother struggled with addiction and then recovered

9. What are your most significant lifetime ~~achievements~~? most significant lifetime work accomplishment - after 32 yrs as a registered nurse, running for elected office and becoming York Co. Coroner in 2014

9. What is your greatest strength? Ability to be calm when speaking with extremely distressed families

10. What is your greatest weakness? tend to work so hard that I sometimes neglect caring for self

11. What do you wish to accomplish if you win the office you are seeking (use separate sheet if you prefer)
I wish to continue working with my team to provide competent death investigation and compassion for families. wish to further modernize/equip the coroners office so we can receive national accreditation

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?
Have been a nurse for 36 years - enables me to have compassion and work well with families. was a high school and adult ed teacher - enables me to teach most in my community regarding prevention of things that can cause death. Raising children whose mother was struggling with addiction has enabled me to have empathy + compassion for the addict and their family.

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. York County Heroin Task Force - volunteering time
2. Christian School of York - financial contributions
3. Grace Baptist Church - teach a Christian Caregiving course
4. Jeff + Tim Clay Community Fund @ the York Co. Community Foundation (pledged $5,000 annually from my salary) with sister in memory of brother, contributions from friends
5. Support multiple missionaries

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 They are a vital part of keeping some schools (like Christian School of York) in business

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. We financially support human life services and believe that even in rape or incest as much as possible should be done to allow for the birth of the child.

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
Does not apply to coroners office
As a nurse, I would on rare occasion, see a case of pregnancy in a very young girl - 10 or 11 - as a result of rape/incest. [redacted]

☒ 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 People are often addicted to prescription drugs due to accident or injury, then turn to heroin. Also, many people are trying to fill the voids in their life left due to the breakdown of the family and childhood trauma.

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

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

36. The most important focus for President Donald J. Trump should be (please use one or several words):
Creating a pro-business economy

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 is male or female? Should one's sex be determined:
☐ at birth ☐ by a statement of belief ☒ Does not apply to the coroners office. We care for all people no matter what gender they are.

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

39. Your church (name and city town) Grace Baptist 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):
I believe that our purpose in life as Christians is to honor and glorify God in all that we do. I accepted Christ as my Savior at 8 years of age and have tried to honor Him in my life. Though far from perfect, I often use Christ's example in the Scriptures as my moral compass as to how to respond to a situation. I believe strongly in treating people with kindness and compassion just as Christ did.

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?) _____