

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 04/04/1968
2. If attorney, law school name & date of your law degree J.D., Widener University School of Law, Hbg Campus, May 1999
3. If attorney, state your area of concentration The bulk of my cases are in Family, criminal and civil rights in state and federal courts. Please also refer to my Business Profile attached
4. Military service? No If Yes: Branch of service, rank & date upon separation from service _____
5. What were your most recent work experience? Please also refer to my Business Profile attached

Start & End Years:	Firm Name and position:
(a) <u>2003-current</u>	<u>Law Office of Sandra Thompson, LLC, Attorney Owner</u>
(b) <u>2001-2003</u>	<u>York County Office of District Attorney, Deputy Prosecutor</u>
(c) <u>2001</u>	<u>York County Office of Public Defender, Asst Public Defender</u>

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

My most significant accomplishments in my employment as an attorney includes every case where I have recovered children from state interference, where I have recovered jobs, income, and housing for people who were unjustly denied, and when I have protected people whether in family or criminal court from having their freedoms and property taken without due process and in violation of their constitutional rights.

7. What are your most significant lifetime work accomplishments?

As stated in my Business Profile, my most significant work accomplishments include building community and professional associations which assists me in helping my clients as well as in my performance of community service.

8. What are your most significant lifetime achievements?

My most significant lifetime achievements begin my accepting the salvation, guidance, mercy and grace of GOD, then with the birth and growth of my children, and to growing in love and forgiveness.

9. What is your greatest strength? Perseverance, my ability to press through although the task may be difficult

10. What is your greatest weakness? Over-extending myself

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

As Judge, I will help to diversify the bench by race and culture and life experience. To tackle the issues that I and others have identified, I would positively occupy youth and help them to become goal-oriented. I would be a living example to youth that they can persevere through their circumstances. For youth at a crossroads, I would like to collaborate with community groups and law enforcement to develop a "cared straight" program and to develop a professional to youth mentor program and an ex-offender to youth mentor program. I want to rebuild, reunite, and strengthen families. To reduce recidivism, I want to coordinate community resources to help reentry efforts, which include housing, employment, transportation sharing, and childcare.

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 am running for office because a judgeship is an extension of service to the community. Through my 30 years of community service and over 20 years of legal experience, as I was also an Adult Probation Officer and a casemanager in a group home for dependent and delinquent youth, I have learned about the many issues facing the community which include, but are not limited to, inequitable educational resources, drug abuse, and violence. I have also learned about the available resources and programs for youth that are under-utilized and financed.

The judgeship allows me to bring together the resources to help rebuild the 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. Mt Moriah Missionary Baptist Church
2. Cornerstone Youth Home
3. Community Advisory Council for City of York School District
4. York Opioid Collaborative
5. York and PA NAACP

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 For legislators, not judge

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.

For legislators, not judge. As for me and my house we serve the LORD and choose life.

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 For legislators, not judge

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 For legislators, not judge

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 For legislators, not judge of Court of Common Pleas

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 For legislators, not judge

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 For legislators, not judge

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 For legislators, not judge

24. What is your position on allowing illegal aliens to become U.S. legal residents with a "path to citizenship"?

- Favor Oppose Undecided For legislators, not judge

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 For legislators, not judge
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 We must realize that we place people into political positions, so it is good to know who are those people and what are their motivations.
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 All are guaranteed the protections of the state and U.S. Constitution
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 For legislators, not judge
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 For legislators, not judge. I would review its constitutionality.
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
If you read my materials, I proudly mention my faith in how it molds me as a person. As Judge I must uphold the law and follow precedent.
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 For legislators, not judge
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

Everyone should vote

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
X other – please indicate in 1 or several words As a member of the York Opioid Collaborative, a former probation officer, former prosecutor, and current attorney and community leader, there are many factors: lack of hope, foundation, and opportunities, the ease of availability of prescription drugs, then its crack-down, drug trafficking from citizens and non-citizens, and people’s desires to self-medicate using any substance found. We must address the foundational issues.

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

Judge's are prohibited from being political

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

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

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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 For legislators, not judge

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

39. Your church (name and city/town) Mt Moriah Missionary Baptist Church York, PA

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

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

I accepted the salvation of Jesus Christ, the Son of GOD, so I walk in faith with grace and mercy. He gave the commandment to love and said that if you do not have love for your neighbors, who are all in need, then all you do is for nothing. I am running to Judge man's law. I am careful not to judge another by GOD's law as he said that the judging is left to HIM as we cannot determine who are wheat (worthy of grace) and who are tare (unworthy). GOD judges the heart which man cannot see.

III. For Attorneys

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

Roberts Kennedy X 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 Depends on the issues, there must be some interpretation that changes with the time, otherwise I, a black woman, could never run for Judge, which is recognized by the founders because they stated "in Order to form a more perfect Union" which means the nation was still developing when written.

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 As stated by Gorsuch, Judges must abide by precedent

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

Yes No X Undecided With strict construction, Art 1 § 3 says, "no preference shall ever be given by law to any religious establishments or modes of worship". So it

must be interpreted to decide whether or not displaying the 10 Commandments establishes a preference.

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.?

X Regularly occasionally not at all

47. What percentage of your legal practice, if an attorney, was 50 civil (including family), 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 _____

Date 4/28/2017

(only the candidate listed on page 1 is eligible to sign)

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or as a PDF/email to Survey@ConservativeChristianCenter.org.**

A Word for Windows Document which you may enter your answers on (and then print out) is at:

<http://conservativechristiancenter.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/04/170419CandidateSurvey.docx>

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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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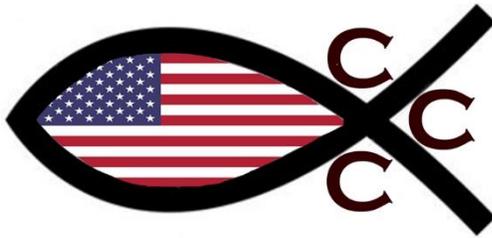
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