

# 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*

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## I. Background & Experience (all candidates)

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

1. Date of birth 1/4/1963
2. If attorney, law school name & date of your law degree George Mason School of Law (now Antonin Scalia Law School)
3. If attorney, state your area of concentration Family Law with Experience in other areas
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) July 2016- Present Judge, Court of Common Pleas of York County \_\_\_\_\_

(b) Jan. 2010-July 2016 Attorney, Law Offices of Kathleen Prendergast, P.C.

6. What are your most significant accomplishments in your most recent work experience? (*you may use separate paper if you prefer*): I am currently handling cases involving over 200 children in foster care. Changing these children's lives for the better is my most significant achievement.

7. What are your most significant lifetime work accomplishments? \_\_\_Serving as a judge on the Court of Common Pleas has been rewarding. As an attorney, I argued two cases to the Pennsylvania Supreme Court that resulted in changes to the law for paternity. I am also proud of my work for individual clients, especially the children whom I have represented. \_\_\_\_\_
8. What are your most significant lifetime achievements? \_\_\_I have spent 23 years as an attorney and 5 years as a teacher. In that time, I have touched many lives in ways that have changed theirs and moved them to brighter futures. \_\_\_\_\_
9. What is your greatest strength? \_\_\_My faith and how it impacts my life everyday. \_\_\_\_\_
10. What is your greatest weakness? \_\_\_I have little patience with parents who fail to put their children first.
11. What do you wish to accomplish if you win the office you are seeking (use separate sheet if you prefer) \_\_\_I would continue my work with children in the foster care system and in custody cases. I would also help to strengthen the treatment courts with application of the latest science.
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? \_\_\_My background in education, my 23 years of experience as a courtroom attorney, and my extensive community service were the basis of my appointment to this job. I have been a judge since July doing the job. \_\_\_

## II. Philosophy and Faith

14. Which of the following U.S. presidents best represents your political philosophy?
   
 John F. Kennedy     Ronald Reagan                       George Bush    
  
George W. Bush     Barack Obama                       Donald J. Trump                       Bill Clinton
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 Bar Association.....
  2. \_\_\_\_\_ YorkCountyDomesticViolenceFatalityReviewBoard. \_\_\_\_\_ (Spacingisoff ) \_\_\_\_\_
  3. \_\_\_\_\_ YorkCountyTruancyInitiative
  4. \_\_\_\_\_ JuniorLeagueofYork \_\_\_\_\_
  5. \_\_\_\_\_ St.PatrickChurch \_\_\_\_\_
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.
   
 None of the above
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?  
X My faith is my compass in 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 \_Street drugs are cheaper, stronger, and more available. \_
34. The number one failing of the administration of President Barack Obama was (please use one or several words):  
\_\_\_\_\_The Economy and National Security\_\_\_\_\_
35. The most important achievement of President Ronald Reagan was (please use one or several words):  
\_\_\_\_\_The Economy and National Security\_\_\_\_\_
36. The most important focus for President Donald J. Trump should be (please use one or several words):  
\_\_\_\_\_The Economy and National Security\_\_\_\_\_
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     Other
38. Do you regularly attend a church?     Yes     No     Occasionally
39. Your church (name and city/town)\_\_\_\_\_St. Patrick Church\_\_\_\_\_
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 accepted Christ when I was 15. I feel His influence in my life. When faces with a choice, I ask myself, "What would Christ do or want me to do?" \_\_\_\_\_

### 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.?

X Regularly  occasionally  not at all

47. What percentage of your legal practice, if an attorney, was 98 civil, versus 2 criminal?

**I have answered questions as "undecided" because there is not specific legislation that I have reviewed in detail, and/or situations are fact specific.**

**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** \_\_\_\_\_

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

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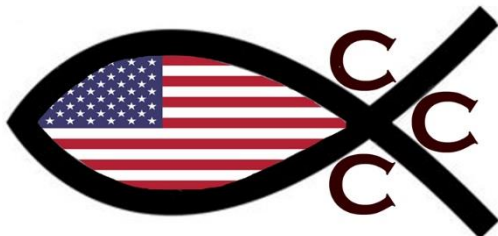
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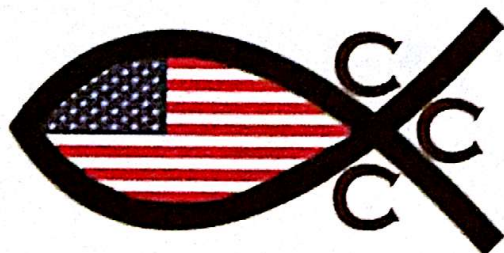
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