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The Christian stewardship of life involves responsibilities as citizens. In a democracy one of the greatest privileges and obligations is that of exercising voting rights.

In the national and state elections of 1952 many important issues relating to foreign policy, civil liberties, international cooperation, economic life, rearmament, and honesty and responsibility in government will be decided. These decisions will affect the freedom, justice, and security of our nation. Christian love as a law of justice and fellowship commands us to act responsibly on these issues in the political campaigns and in our voting.

As a Board of Social Missions we call upon our people and congregations to study these issues and to vote with an understanding that God calls us to faithfulness in this area of life just as in our work, our homes, and our churches.