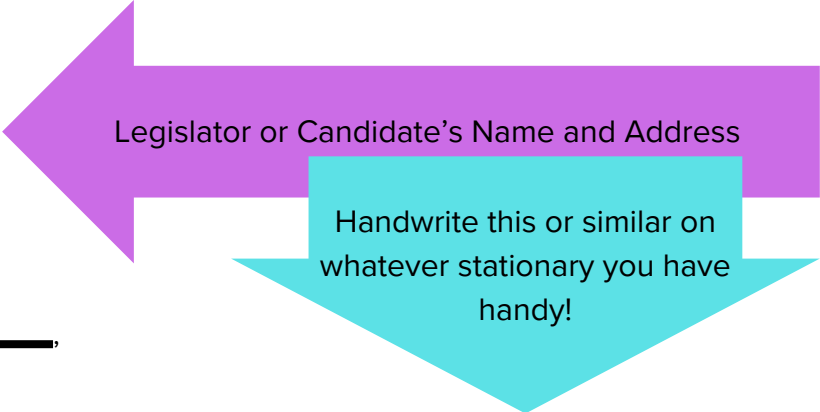


Instructions for Writing Letters

- Follow the QR Code to look up your state lawmakers - one representative and one senator.
- Additionally, you may want to write to any candidates in your area seeking public office.
- Using any stationary you have handy, **HAND WRITE** the legislator's or candidate's name and office address at the top.
- Handwrite a note to share why you personally want them to commit to responsible rhetoric and actions that promote peace instead of fueling hate & division. Use what we have written as a starting place, but feel free to use your own voice!
- Write **YOUR NAME *and address*** at the bottom (*This is VERY important because they will check to see if you are an actual constituent.*)
- Collect all the letters from your congregation and mail them to LAMPa to deliver:
1959 Market St.
Camp Hill, PA 17011





Legislator or Candidate's Name and Address

Handwrite this or similar on whatever stationary you have handy!

Dear _____,

On Thursday, Sept. 5, the seven Pennsylvania bishops of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) were joined by faith leaders from across the Commonwealth to stand for peace in this election season. As a member of the ELCA, I too, call on all people, and particularly elected officials and candidates for office, to use their power to actively promote peace.

Weeks ago, our state was the site of a tragic shooting at a presidential campaign rally. We do not know the motive, but we do know that it was a violent example of our country's political unrest.

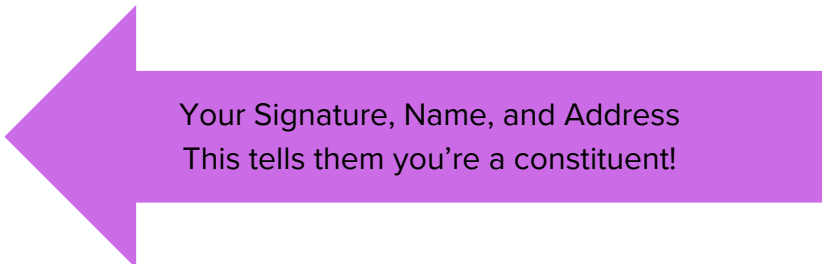
I echo our bishops' invitation to you and all participating "to nonviolence and to peacemaking, going forward from here and particularly in this election season and transition. Let us commit our bodies, minds and souls; our time and resources; our leadership and collaboration; our praying and our listening; to strive for nonviolence and peacemaking in all actions, interactions, and areas of influence. "

Today, I call on our civic leaders to exercise responsibility in their rhetoric. To reject all calls for violence. To forge a brighter vision rather than fanning flames of fear.

Please encourage our fellow Pennsylvanians to choose hope over hate. To build bridges of understanding that reach toward reconciliation. To work together to create communities of peace, where all can thrive.

We may come from different places and different traditions, but we stand together in hope -- hope for the possibility of tomorrows in which we will work together for the common good because today we stood together on the common ground of peace.

Sincerely,



Your Signature, Name, and Address
This tells them you're a constituent!