



Reflection on the Importance of Individual Engagement in a Republic, in a Democracy

Saturday, October 19, 2024, 5:00 p.m., at First Parish Unitarian Universalist Canton, 1508 Washington Street, Canton MA



The Speaker's Series at First Parish Unitarian Universalist Canton, 1508 Washington Street, Canton, in partnership with the Norwood League of Women Voters presents a talk by Diane O'Toole. She will speak on the importance of individual civic engagement in a republic, in a democracy. The Fifth Unitarian Universalist Principle states that the right of conscience and the use of the democratic process within congregations and in society at large aligns with the League's mission to be a nonpartisan, activist, grassroots organization that believes voters should play a critical role in democracy. This timely event will speak to the different ways one can be involved in the democratic process that is at the heart of American politics. Come and hear a little history and be inspired to participate in the current political season.

Diane O'Toole holds a BA in Political Science and Psychology from Wheaton College and a Master of Public Administration from the University of Massachusetts as well as having completed several certificate programs.

Diane is the Executive Director of the Boston Center for Pregnancy Choices and former Executive Director of the Global Tracheostomy Collaborative and the American Nurses Association of Massachusetts.

Diane currently serves on the Steering Committee of the Norwood League of Women Voters and is Past-President of the League of Women Voters of Massachusetts and the International Personnel Manager's Association of Massachusetts. She has served on several Boards and Committees in a variety of capacities and the Massachusetts Health Council. Diane has over 30 years of not-for-profit organizational experience.

Diane runs a Helping Hands ministry and a DivorceCare ministry program through her church and has been Chair of the Board of a Christian School and a Sunday School Teacher for over 25 years.

