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**The Art of Caucusing: Training for a Stronger Democracy
CURE's Rural Democracy Project helps citizens build governing power**

How do we make a future that works for all of us? How do we support a people's agenda—a platform that recognizes and advances the needs and desires of all people to thrive in a healthy and just world? Join CURE's non-partisan Rural Democracy Project at "The Art of Caucusing: Trainings for a Stronger Democracy" to learn how to caucus and more fully participate in the democratic process. This month CURE is hosting seven trainings throughout west central and southwestern Minnesota (see a complete list of trainings below).

Building a world that justly serves people requires that we all step up and participate, starting with political participation. Real change starts at the grassroots. Precinct caucuses are a grassroots, ground level way to get involved and be heard, even if you have never participated before. This is the first level of the political party structure. The main functions of a caucus are to meet and support candidates, present and vote on party resolutions, and elect delegates to the party conventions. Precinct caucuses happen in every county and this year take place on Tuesday, February 6. Getting involved in shaping a better world is more than voting. **CURE's Rural Democracy Project wants you to be ready.**

At this training, you will learn what caucuses are, how to participate, and how to write, present, and advance resolutions. The democratic process does not stop after the caucus; you will also learn about what happens at your County, Senate District Convention, Congressional District, and State Conventions, and how you can be a delegate who further advances a people's agenda.

At your caucus and conventions that follow, we want you to talk to your neighbors about what you value and to make new connections. **More likely than not, you and your neighbors share the similar feelings about supporting progressive policies that create thriving communities, vibrant ecosystems, fair and affordable healthcare and education, and healthy families.**

You have the power to shape the issues and political environment. You can elevate a vision for rural Minnesota. You can move candidates to talk about a better agenda for all people in rural Minnesota and—have them commit to working on those issues. You can shape the campaigns and hold candidates accountable.

It all starts with getting involved and empowering yourself.

This event is free, but please pre-registration is requested. To register, visit www.cureriver.org or contact CURE's Rural Democracy project at peg@cureriver.org or call the CURE office at 320-269-2984.

The Art of Caucusing Trainings:

Willmar

Monday, January 15, 2018

Co-hosted with ISALAH (<https://isaiahmn.org>)

Location: Willmar Community Center (Burlington Room), 624 US-71 BUS, Willmar, MN 56201

Time: 6:30pm - 9:00 pm

Granite Falls

Wednesday, January 17, 2018

Location: City Hall Chambers, 641 Prentice St, Granite Falls, MN 56241

Time: 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm

Moorhead

Tuesday, January 23, 2018

Location: First Congregational UCC 406 8th St S, Moorhead, MN 56560

Time: 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm

Fergus Falls

Thursday, January 25, 2018

Location: TBD

Time: 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm

Renville

Monday, January 29, 2018

Location: Renville Community Center, 221 N Main Street, Renville, MN

Time: 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm

Morris

Tuesday, January 30, 2018

Locations: Morris Senior Center, 603 Oregon Ave, Morris, MN 56267

Time: 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm

Online/Webinar

Wednesday, January 31, 2018

Marshall

Tuesday, February 1, 2018

Location: Living Word Lutheran Church, 800 E Southview Ct, Marshall, MN 56258

Time: 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm