

# DAY OF POWER

January 7, 2023

## Dear Friend of the Grassroots, Patriot Move in Michigan—

When the Michigan government shut the state down in 2020, the grassroots, conservative, patriot move woke up. Thousands of citizens, previously disconnected from the political process and the governmental sphere, educated themselves, got involved in activist groups, became candidates, made their voice known to their state reps and senators, and spoke out at school, city and county boards. It's been a remarkable three years.

Now, we are at a crossroads. In the aftermath of the mid-term elections, many are frustrated. What's the plan? What kind of long-term leadership is needed? What will propel this grassroots, governmental move into the future with greater authority?

### A new focus on Christ



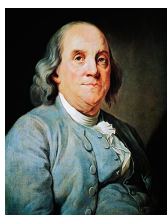
You may have noticed at recent meetings of Stand Up Michigan Oakland County, Stand Up Michigan Wayne County, and Faith2Action Michigan, that the presidents of these organizations (Shelley Rees, Tony & Melissa Williams, and Corey Shankleton) have been bold in their declarations of Jesus Christ. Their voice represents our joint conviction that the way forward to a just and righteous government must come out of the authority of Christ and a people rallying around His Word and the display of His power.



That's what the "Day of Power" is all about. On January 7th, we are inviting people from the grassroots, conservative, patriot move in Michigan to an event where we will collectively let go of confidence in ourselves and our organizational and political strategies. During this Day we will look to Jesus and receive His power. Through eight hours of worship, preaching, testimonies, and prophetic prayers, we will seek for the Holy Spirit, the Fire of Christ's Kingdom, to fuel our ongoing fight for freedom in Michigan.

### What did our Founding Fathers do?

In 1787, the Constitutional Convention was called in an effort to seek solutions to problems the nation experienced under the Articles of Confederation. The gathering started with optimism, but after five weeks of frequent disagreements, they were almost at a full impasse. Addressing the frustration, Benjamin Franklin told the 55 delegates at the convention...



*In this situation of this assembly, groping, as it were, in the dark to find political truth, and scarce able to distinguish it when presented to us, how has it happened, sir; that we have not hitherto once thought of humbly applying to the Father of Lights to illuminate our understandings? In the beginning of the contest with Britain when we were sensible of danger, we had daily prayers in this room for the Divine Protection. Our prayers, sir, were heard, and they were graciously answered. . . . And have we now forgotten that powerful*

*Friend? or do we imagine we no longer need His assistance? I have lived, sir, a long time; and the longer I live, the more convincing proofs I see of this truth: that God governs in the affairs of men. And if a sparrow cannot fall to the ground without His notice, is it probable that an empire can rise without His aid? We have been assured, sir, in the Sacred Writings that except the Lord build the House, they labor in vain that build it. I firmly believe this; and I also believe that without His concurring aid, we shall succeed in this political building no better than the builders of Babel . . . and we ourselves shall become a reproach and a byword down to future ages. I therefore beg leave to move, that henceforth prayers imploring the assistance of Heaven, and its blessings on our deliberations, be held in this Assembly every morning before we proceed to business.*

The Convention adjourned for three days. During that time, they gathered at the Calvinist Reformed Church in Philadelphia to pray and hear preaching from the Bible. Following those three days, the Convention reconvened and experienced unexpected success. Ten weeks later they had finished the U. S. Constitution (under which America has become the longest on-going constitutional republic in the world). Concerning the Constitution and the process of writing it at the Convention, the Founders declared it was by the finger of God — that is, God’s power.

- Alexander Hamilton: *For my own part, I sincerely esteem it [the Constitution] a system which without the finger of God never could have been suggested and agreed upon by such a diversity of interests.*
- James Madison: *It is impossible for the man of pious reflection not to perceive in it the finger of that Almighty Hand which has been so frequently and signally extended to our relief in the critical stages of the Revolution.*

## Join us

In 1787, the Founders came to an end of their efforts to solve the problems of the nation. There was no way forward without the power of God. We are at a similar crossroads today.

*This is what the LORD says: “Stand at the crossroads and look; ask for the ancient paths, ask where the good way is, and walk in it, and you will find rest for your souls.” (Jeremiah 6:16)*

If your heart is burning for the power of Christ to overcome evil in our state, please join us for this special day. Get all the details and reserve your spot by using the QR code below or registering online at [www.metrodetroit.org](http://www.metrodetroit.org).

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