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If your church or organization desires access to this Toolkit, we ask that a representative of your church or organization sign in:

<https://www.ieip.org/guardians-education-links/>

Enter your contact information to download the Toolkit. It's important that we have your contact information. In case there are changes or updates to any of the information in this Toolkit, we can quickly contact users by email if we know who you are. We will never sell or share your contact information.

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Welcome to the ICU Ballot Brigade Toolkit

No matter our political persuasion, most Americans agree that America benefits from living in accordance with biblical values and principles. Alexis de Tocqueville (1805-1859) made this observation: “America is great because she is good. If America ceases to be good, America will cease to be great.”

However, that beneficial biblical influence is waning due to low voter turnout among people of faith. This lack of engagement has created a void which worldly ideologies, among them Socialism, are filling.

Your faith community may already have a civic engagement ministry in place. That ministry may conduct voter registration drives, monitor legislation which might impact families and ministries, alert the congregation to contact their legislators, etc. That ministry would be a great foundation from which to implement a church ballot collection program. If you don't have such a ministry, we've included a list of resources to help you start one.

In recent months, the United States Postal Service has cautioned voters that the USPS may not be able to deliver their Vote by Mail ballots in a timely manner. This uncertainty bolsters the need for churches to step up and offer safe, secure and certain ballot collection and delivery to election authorities. As a faith community, you will stand out by conducting this program with the utmost integrity and security, giving reassurance to the voters and being a wonderful example to the surrounding community.

In addition to churches, various organizations are welcome to use this ICU Ballot Brigade Toolkit. However, we ask that each independent organization log in at our IEIP.org website and submit their contact info in order to access the link to download this Toolkit. We ask for your contact info in case any information changes, so we can do our best to keep all participating organizations updated on the most current information regarding ballot collection. We will not sell or share any contact information.

We do not and cannot offer legal advice, but we provide this educational information for your church leaders and your church legal counsel to consider. Our prayer is that this program will help to activate the faith community to vote, and to vote their values. May God bless your efforts.



Below is a sample letter which you can use to introduce the Ballot Brigade Program to your Pastor and/or Church Leaders. This letter has been provided in this Toolkit as both an Apple Pages and a MS Word document which you can modify for your own use.

Sender Name

1234 Main Street
Anytown, State ZIP
123-456-7890
no_reply@example.com

[DATE]

Recipient Name [Pastor, Church Board, etc.]

4321 First Street
Anytown, State ZIP

Dear Recipient Name,

This letter is to let you know about a public service which volunteers in our church might offer to our members. This might also serve as a welcome outreach to our local community. I realize that you already have many commitments, so I am volunteering to facilitate this service in our church body.

You may be aware that many people of faith do not vote. There are a variety of reasons, from difficulty getting to their polling location, having an emergency pop up on Election Day, or possibly not trusting the postal service to deliver their Vote by Mail ballot. In fact, recent news reports caution voters that the USPS cannot guarantee timely delivery of mail-in ballots. These factors might prevent eligible voters from fulfilling their calling to exercise biblical citizenship.

It happens that Illinois law allows for the collection and delivery of completed Vote by Mail ballots. This collection and delivery can be done by anyone designated by the voter. I would like to lead a program in our church to securely and reliably collect the ballots of our church members and deliver them in person to the appropriate local Election Authorities. Many voters would prefer turning over their voted ballot—sealed in the official return envelope—to a brother or sister in Christ, having confidence that it will be securely hand delivered. This is more reassuring than dropping ballots into a drop box or post box, especially when the USPS has cautioned that those ballots may not be delivered on time to be counted.

This completely non-partisan program is working successfully in other churches. I welcome the opportunity to talk with you and give you details regarding how this can be implemented, and answering your questions.

Sincerely yours,

[Sender Name]

Here on pages 5, 6 & 7 are a summary of current ballot harvesting laws in Illinois. This summary has been provided in this Toolkit as PDF document which you can share with your church legal counsel. This summary is not to be construed as legal advice, but for educational purposes.



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Summary of IL Ballot Collection (Harvesting) Laws

Compiled from Illinois Election Code and reviewed by Claude.ai by Anthropic, reviewed by ICU paralegal, final review by John Fogarty, Jr., Attorney
Information cited and reviewed September 23, 2025

DISCLAIMER: This information is for educational purposes only and should not be construed as legal advice. We recommend consulting with a qualified attorney tailored to your specific situation.

Key findings:

- Illinois law allows "any person authorized by the voter" to collect and deliver ballots
- There are no limits on the number of ballots one person can collect
- Special provisions exist for voters in hospitals or care facilities, where staff can collect ballots and **mail** them in.

NOTE: They cannot harvest (collect) them and take them in unless the voter gives specific authorization to a specific person/entity. If a person has been in a facility not more than 14 days there is a whole procedure that must be followed including an Attending Health Care professional statement.

- All ballot collection requires written authorization using a specific form
- The primary legal authority comes from 10 ILCS 5/19-6

The following summary explains who can legally collect ballots, the required procedures (including the authorization form), what activities are prohibited, and how ballots can be returned to election authorities. We were unable to find specific JCAR regulations that add additional rules beyond the statutory requirements in the Illinois Election Code.

Illinois has relatively permissive ballot collection laws compared to many other states, with the main requirement being written voter authorization rather than restrictions on who can collect or limits on the number of ballots.

Illinois Ballot Collection Laws Summary

What is Ballot Collection?

Ballot collection (sometimes called "ballot harvesting") is when someone other than the voter takes a completed ballot and delivers it to the election office. In Illinois, there are specific rules about who can do this and how it must be done.

Who Can Collect Ballots in Illinois?

Regular Voters

According to 10 ILCS 5/19-6, any person that the voter gives permission to can collect and deliver their ballot. This means:

- Anyone the voter chooses can collect their ballot
- The voter must give written permission using a special form
- There is **no limit** on how many ballots one person can collect

Special Cases for Voters Who Need Help

Voters in Hospitals or Care Facilities

If a ^{*}voter is in a hospital or care facility, any employee or person working at that facility can collect and **mail** the voter's ballot (not harvest or collect and deliver) This includes:

- Hospital staff members
- Nursing home employees
- Workers at assisted living facilities

*NOTE: different rules for someone who has been in a facility 14 days or less. See Section 19-3

Voters with Physical Disabilities

For voters who cannot physically handle their ballot due to disabilities, facility staff can help collect and mail their ballots.

Professional Delivery Companies

Licensed motor carrier companies (professional delivery services) that are approved by the Illinois Commerce Commission can also collect and deliver ballots. This company would have to have been give written permission just like an individual.

How Must Ballot Collection Be Done?

Written Permission Required

When someone other than the voter delivers a ballot, both the voter and the person helping must fill out an authorization form that comes with the ballot envelope. This form must include:

- The voter's signature and date
- The printed name of the person who will deliver the ballot
- The signature of the person delivering the ballot
- The date the ballot was delivered to the election office

What the Authorization Form Says

The form printed on the ballot envelope states: "I (voter) authorize to take the necessary steps to have this ballot delivered promptly to the office of the election authority."

What is Against the Law?

Unauthorized Collection

It is illegal for anyone to take a voter's ballot without the voter's permission, except for the special cases mentioned above (hospital staff for hospitalized voters, etc.).

No Limits on Number of Ballots

Unlike some other states, Illinois law does not set a maximum number of ballots that one person can collect. As long as each voter gives written permission, one person could theoretically collect hundreds of ballots.

How Ballots Can Be Returned

By Mail

- Voters can mail their own ballots
- Election authorities must accept vote-by-mail ballots even if they don't have enough postage or no postage at all

Drop-off Locations

- Election authorities may set up secure collection sites where voters can drop off ballots without postage
- These sites must be locked and only election officials can open them
- Ballots are collected daily, and any ballots dropped off after business hours are counted as received the next day (except on election day)

In-Person Delivery

- Voters can deliver their own ballots to the election office
- Authorized people can deliver ballots for voters (with written permission)

Legal Citations

All of these rules come from **10 ILCS 5/19-6** (Section 19-6 of the Illinois Election Code). This law was last updated by:

- Public Act 102-1 (effective April 2, 2021)
- Public Act 102-668 (effective November 15, 2021)

JCAR Regulations

Based on available information, there do not appear to be specific JCAR (Joint Committee on Administrative Rules) regulations that add additional rules beyond what is in the Illinois Election Code for ballot collection. The Illinois State Board of Elections does have authority to create additional security guidelines for ballot collection sites, but these would be internal guidelines rather than formal JCAR regulations.

Summary

In simple terms, Illinois has relatively permissive ballot collection laws compared to other states:

- Almost anyone can collect ballots if the voter gives written permission
- There's no limit on how many ballots one person can collect
- Special rules exist to help voters in hospitals and care facilities
- Both the voter and collector must sign authorization forms
- It's illegal to collect ballots without permission

The main law governing this is found in **10 ILCS 5/19-6** of the Illinois Election Code.

Ballot Collection Checklist

Prepare

- ☐ PRAY
- ☐ Obtain permission from pastor and church leadership (see: Letter to Pastor or Church Leadership)
- ☐ Ask church leaders to share the legal guidance for Illinois ballot collection with the church legal counsel for approval (see: For Attorneys_IL Ballot Harvesting)
- ☐ Build a team and meet with the team
- ☐ Plan
- ☐ Gather supplies:
 - ☐ Tables & chairs
 - ☐ Signs as needed
 - ☐ Pens
 - ☐ Glue sticks (to help voter ensure their ballot return envelopes are securely sealed)
 - ☐ Preprinted slips or cards with instructions for voters regarding how they can track their ballot online (Some Local Election Authorities offer an online ballot tracking service – research this ahead of time, compile the info and create a printed handout for voters).
 - ☐ Ballot collection containers which can be locked or secured. The collection containers should have a slot into which the official ballot return envelope can be inserted by the voter. Containers must be able to be locked (a simple hasp and padlock are sufficient) with two keys for the lock, one key for each of the two volunteers who will be responsible for that particular container. There may be a church member who is willing to construct simple, secure containers.
NOTE: Do not call the containers “Drop boxes” since that is an official Election Authority designation.
- ☐ Plan layout and traffic flow for collection day(s)
- ☐ Train all volunteers.
- ☐ Start planning, preparing and promoting early – work backwards from official election deadlines. See the 2026 Important Election Dates on the last page of this Toolkit.
- ☐ Generate enthusiasm – use the ICU Ballot Brigade flyer supplied in this Toolkit, or create your own. Prepare announcements to begin informing church members weeks prior to ballot collection day(s)
- ☐ Help church members to request their Vote by Mail ballot, either online from their Local Election Authority, or by using the form mailed to them by the local E.A. NOTE: ICU discourages voters from signing up for Permanent Vote by Mail because their name will stay on the voter rolls forever and a VBM ballot will continue to be delivered to that address, even when the voter is no longer there. **We encourage voters to request a one-time VBM ballot for the upcoming election only.**

Ballot Collection Step-by-Step

The following is a suggested setup and procedure. Modify the program to best fit your church.

1.) Ballot preparation table

- Voters who have not yet sealed and signed their official Ballot Return Envelope should sit at this table and use the provided pens and glue sticks as needed. This must be done prior to bringing their official Ballot Return Envelope to the Ballot Collection Table. A volunteer should monitor this table in case voters have any questions.
- The **Affidavit of Delivery** form on the official Ballot Return Envelope can be partially completed: **Voter Name**, today's **Date**, and the **Voter Signature** can be completed. The Voter should NOT complete the **Authorized Individual** printed name, **Authorized Individual Signature**, and **Date Delivered** spaces. See images of sample Ballot Return Envelopes in this Toolkit.

2.) Ballot Collection Table

- Voters bring their voted ballots to this table, already sealed in their Ballot Return Envelopes, with their printed name, their signature on the envelope and the date. The voter should NOT put the name of the person who will deliver the ballot (Authorized Individual). The volunteer who will deliver the ballots in person to the Election Authority will fill in their name as Authorized Individual prior to delivery. The ballot collection box(es) should be on this table under constant watch by volunteers.
- If you have church members who live in different surrounding counties, each with a separate county Election Authority, you might consider having separate ballot collection containers for each of the surrounding counties. NOTE: the official Ballot Return Envelopes for each Election Authority may be different. Voters must return their ballot in the envelope provided to them by their local election authority. Make sure volunteers check the envelopes carefully to ensure ALL required information is completed.
- The volunteers at this table welcome each voter, examine the ballot return envelope to ensure the official ballot return envelope is signed, authorization is given, and envelope is sealed.
- As the voters bring up their ballot envelopes, the volunteers should record onto the Log Sheet the voter's name, address, Voter ID and the date & time the ballot was inserted into the collection container. This becomes a record to confirm that the voter's ballot was indeed collected at your church, and the date and time collected. NOTE: The time does not have to be precise, just so a general record is available if needed.
- If your church designates more than one Sunday ballot collection day, use new Log Sheets for each collection day. The Log Sheets should accompany the ballots which were collected on that particular Sunday.
- If your church holds ballot collections on multiple Sundays, do not hold the ballots from one week to the next. All ballots collected on any Sunday should be hand delivered to the Local Election Authority the next day (Monday).
- Later, when the teams of volunteers deliver the ballots in person to the Election Authority, the date and time of the delivery, the names of the volunteers who make the delivery, and the name of the Election Authority worker(s) who received the ballots are noted on the Log Sheet.
- The volunteer directs the voter to drop their ballot into the slot in the ballot collection container.
- If your local Election Authority offers online ballot tracking, give each voter a preprinted slip of paper or a printed card with instructions on how to track their ballot online.

3.) After ballot collection is completed for that day:

- Since the local Election Authority offices are not open on Sundays, the ballot collection boxes will need to be secured in the church overnight, to be retrieved the next morning (on Monday) by the volunteers for delivery to the local Election Authority.
- Volunteers should not take any collection boxes home.
- Teams of 2 volunteers confirm that each collection box is locked
- Each of the 2 volunteers for each box will retain one key for the box
- An official of the church facility (pastor, church secretary, custodian, etc.) will go with the 2 volunteers to a secure room with a locking door within the church
- The locked collection boxes will then be locked in the secure room overnight
NOTE: This provides an extra level of security for the ballots. The two volunteers each have a key for the box, but the church official does not have a key for the box. The Church official has a key for the secure room in the church, but the two volunteers do not have a key for the secure room.

4.) Delivery of Ballots to Local Election Authority

- On Monday morning after the Sunday ballot collection, the two volunteers in charge of each ballot collection box should meet at the church.
- The volunteers should make sure they have the Log Sheet upon which they recorded each ballot return envelope.
- The church official who has a key to the secure room will go with the volunteers to collect the ballot collection boxes from the room.
- While in the church, the two volunteers will unlock the ballot collection box together.
- The volunteers will decide which of those two volunteers name will be written on the ballot collection envelopes as the person who collected the ballots (**Authorized Delivery Agent**).
- Since both volunteers were present for the collection, the voters turned over their sealed ballot return envelopes to those volunteers, and those volunteers will deliver the ballots together to the local Election Authority, either person's name will be appropriate.
- For an extra measure of security, the two volunteers may want to compare the collected ballots with the Log Sheet.
- Once the printed name, signature of the ballot collector (**Authorized Delivery Agent**), and date delivered (if required) have been added to each ballot return envelope, the ballots can again be locked in the ballot collection container.
- The two volunteers will drive with the container to the appropriate Local Election Authority office.
- Once they have arrived at the office, they will unlock and deliver all of the collected ballots to an official in the Election Authority office.
- Do NOT put the ballots in a mailbox or an official election dropbox. Hand deliver them in person to an Election Official.
- On the Log Sheet, record the date, time, and name of the official in the Election Authority office who received the ballots. If that person has a business card, ask for their card. Take a photo!
- **You are all done! Your church and your ballot collection volunteers have offered a great convenience and service to your church members, and possibly increased the amount of ballots cast by your church members.**

Additional safeguards:

- Always maintain a strong Chain of Custody of the ballots.
- Always have two volunteers work together.
- Keep the ballot container(s) locked.
- Do not leave any ballot collection container unattended.
- Always keep an eye on the ballots.
- We recommend one-by-one collection, with each voter bringing only their own ballot up to the Collection table and inserting it into the collection container after the envelope has been examined by a volunteer and the voter info entered on the Log Sheet.
- We do NOT recommend collecting during services, such as passing ballots down the aisle.
- We do NOT recommend allowing ballots to be dropped off at the church at any time other than the designated collection day(s) and time(s).
- Throughout the process, ALL volunteers must be completely non-partisan.
- Volunteers must not advise anyone regarding candidates or political parties.
- Volunteers must accept every properly prepared ballot.
- Volunteers should avoid political conversations while actively engaged in their volunteer work during the ballot collection program.

Sample Images of Ballot Return Envelopes

Note: County Clerks/Election Authorities will have VBM Return Ballot Envelopes which vary in appearance. Below are two examples of the Affidavit of Delivery on a Ballot Return Envelope so you and your volunteers will know what to expect.

Affidavit of Delivery

I _____, authorize _____
(Voter Voting by Mail) (Authorized Individual)

To take the necessary steps to have this ballot delivered promptly to the office of the election authority.

(Date) (Signature of Voter)

(Printed name of Authorized Delivery Agent)

(Signature of Authorized Delivery Agent)

RETURN ENVELOPE / SOBRE DE RETORNO
INSERT GREEN CERTIFICATION ENVELOPE AND SEAL / METER A EL SOBRE DE CERTIFICACIÓN VERDE Y SELLARLO

Complete this section ONLY if you are authorizing someone to hand-deliver this packet to the Will County Clerk's Office:
Complete esta sección SOLAMENTE si está autorizando a alguien a entregar personalmente este paquete a Will County Clerk's Office:

Affidavit of Delivery / Declaración Jurada de Entrega 10 ILCS 5/19-6

If Yo _____, authorize/ autorizo _____
Voter / Votante Authorized Individual / Individuo Autorizado

to take the necessary steps to have this ballot delivered promptly to the office of the election authority.
que tome los pasos necesarios para entregar esta boleta sin mas tardar a la oficina de la autoridad electoral.

Date / Fecha X Signature of Voter / Firma del Votante

Signature of Authorized Delivery Agent / Firma de Agente de Entrega Autorizado Date Delivered / Fecha de Entrega

X

If You Change Your Mind About Voting By Mail:
Surrender your Vote By Mail Ballot at any of our Early Voting locations or at your Polling Place on Election Day. For more information, visit willcountyclerk.gov.

Si Cambia de Opinión Acerca de Votar por Correo:
Entregue su Boleta de Votar por Correo a cualquier sitio de Votación Temprana o a su Lugar de Votación el Día de las Elecciones. Para más información, visite willcountyclerk.gov.

Ballot Collection Log	Ballot Collection Date	Ballot Delivery Date & Time
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Delivered by _____
(Names of Volunteers)

Received by _____
(Representative in Local Election Office)

Voter Name (First, Last) _____ Voter ID # _____ Time ballot collected _____
Voter Street Address _____ Town _____ County _____

Voter Name (First, Last) _____ Voter ID # _____ Time ballot collected _____
 Voter Street Address _____ Town _____ County _____

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Voter Street Address _____ Town _____ County _____



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Biblical Voter (Connected to the Salt & Light Council)

<https://www.biblicalvoter.com/voter-registration-drive>

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My Faith Votes, a ministry of Million Voices

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Family Research Council – Online God and Government program video series plus workbooks:

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Family Research Council - Pray, Vote, Stand Chapters

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ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

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How to locate Election Authorities (EA) throughout Illinois Your church may serve more than one county or election jurisdiction, so in your planning you'll need to make provisions for collected ballots to be delivered to the appropriate EA.

<https://www.elections.il.gov/ElectionOperations/ElectionAuthorities.aspx>

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Ballotpedia (bills itself as the encyclopedia of American politics).

https://ballotpedia.org/Main_Page

https://ballotpedia.org/Ballot_collection_laws_by_state

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iVoterGuide, a project of the American Family Association a resource for faith-based voters. Debbie Wuthnow, the president of iVoterGuide and vice president of AFA Action, described the resource as a "one-stop shop for information regarding the election."

<https://ivoterguide.com/>

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Monitoring & Acting on Legislation

In Illinois, people can file Witness Slips in Support or Opposition to legislation: <https://www.ilga.gov/>

Below is a flyer which you can use to help inform people about the ICU Ballot Brigade Program. This flyer has been provided in this Toolkit as PDF document which you can print and/or share via email.



Introducing the

ICU BALLOT BRIGADE PROGRAM

Empowering People of Faith to Make Their Votes Count

When the godly are in authority, the people rejoice. But when the wicked are in power, they groan. – Proverbs 29:2

Dear Pastor, Church Leader, and Fellow Believer, As people of faith, we are called to be salt and light in our communities. The **ICU Ballot Brigade Program** offers your congregation a simple, trusted, and secure way to exercise the sacred right and Biblical duty of citizenship. We invite your church to participate.

WHY YOUR CHURCH SHOULD PARTICIPATE

- ✓ **Encourage More People of Faith to Vote.** Motivate believers who might otherwise sit out elections to engage and make their voices heard.
- ✓ **Exercise the Right and Duty of Biblical Citizenship.** Voting is one of the most direct ways to fulfill our calling and reflect godly values in the public square.
- ✓ **Offer Unmatched Convenience.** Members request a Vote by Mail ballot, vote at home, then bring their sealed ballot to church for collection.
- ✓ **Trust a Familiar, Safe Hand.** Ballots are personally delivered to your local elections office by a trusted member of your own congregation — someone you know.

WHY NOT JUST MAIL YOUR BALLOT?

The USPS has had troublesome issues in recent years: lost mail, delivery to wrong addresses, damaged envelopes. When it comes to your vote, don't leave it to chance. The **ICU Ballot Brigade Program** ensures your ballot is hand-delivered, on time, and counted.



SAFE. SECURE. CERTAIN.

With the **ICU Ballot Brigade Program**, you have complete confidence that your ballot will be hand-delivered directly to your local elections office — on time, intact, and counted. **Your vote *will* count.**

HOW THE PROGRAM WORKS

1. Request a Vote by Mail ballot from your county elections office.
2. Vote privately in the comfort of your own home and seal your ballot in the official ballot return envelope.
3. Bring your **sealed** ballot envelope to church on the designated ballot collection day(s).
4. A trusted church member personally delivers all collected ballots to your local elections office.
5. See our website for complete program details.
6. There are no fees to implement the **ICU Ballot Brigade Program** and no permissions are required.

Illinois law expressly permits ballot collection. This program is fully legal, safe, and secure.

For the record, Illinois Conservative Union works to repeal laws regarding unlimited Vote by Mail and Ballot Harvesting. However, those are the current laws in Illinois and we believe ALL voters should have a level playing field so their principles and values can be fairly represented when its time to VOTE.

SCAN FOR PROGRAM DETAILS



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Important 2026 Election Dates

2026 GENERAL ELECTION

August 5, 2026 – First day to apply for a VBM ballot

September 24, 2026 – Early Voting begins

September 24, 2026 – VBM Ballots begin mailing out

October 29, 2026 Last day to apply for a VBM Ballot

(NOTE: This only allows 5 days prior to Election Day for the USPS to deliver the ballot. Based on recent warnings from the USPS regarding delivery delays, **we strongly recommend voters request VBM ballots at least 10 DAYS prior to Election Day.**)

November 3, 2026 – Election Day

Audio and Video About the Program

Visit our web page “Training Resources & Links”:
<https://www.ieip.org/guardians-education-links/>

At the above link, you can find links to an audio clip from the December 11, 2023, Wallbuilders Podcast. The podcast features an interview with Pastor Jack Hibbs of Calvary Chapel, Chino Hills, CA. In the interview, Pastor Hibbs speaks about how Calvary Chapel began their church ballot collection program, and how it has become a great success.

On the same page, there is a link to the March 14, 2026, ICU Ballot Brigade presentation at Networking the Networks Faith & Fire Conference, held at Quentin Road Baptist Church, Lake Zurich, IL. The video gives more in-depth background on the ICU Ballot Brigade Program.