

# Students Guide to Caucus

By Reeve Currie

A caucus is a meeting of the members of a legislative body who are members of a particular political party, to select candidates or decide policy.

To participate, you must be eligible to vote in the fall election and live in the precinct. You also must generally agree with the principles of the political party hosting the caucus. If you live out of state you can contact your local precinct to fill out an absentee form.

What will happen at the caucus?

Each political party runs their caucus meetings a bit differently. Generally, there are four main activities at a caucus:

1. Choose volunteers who will help organize political activities.

This could include working on contact lists, hosting political meetings, and helping run the campaign.

2. Vote for the person you want the party to support for president. Called "the presidential preference ballot." The results determine how many delegates each candidate gets at their party's national endorsing convention.

3. Discuss the issues and ideas that the party will support. You can bring up an issue or idea that you'd like the party to support, a resolution. If you convince other attendees to support your resolution, it will be brought to the next political convention. Eventually, your resolution could become part of the official party platform.

4. Choose delegates who will endorse candidates at future conventions. At future conventions, party delegates will endorse state and federal candidates, including a president. Contact your party for information on how they choose their delegates.

Why You Should Participate as a Millennial:

• Nobody else votes with college students' issues as their focus. You deal with student loan rates, education standards, and admissions policies and these and other issues are on the ballot – who is better qualified to vote on these issues than you?

• There are over 44 million millennials eligible to vote – you really can make a difference.

• You are in college; you are expanding your mind, life, views, and beliefs. You are being challenged and learning new ideas every day. But now that voting season is here, you're really going to pass on empowering yourself by voting?

• Your right to be able to vote came at a price. No matter your gender, race, or age, others made sacrifices so that your voice can be heard.

• Within the next four years you will be getting a job, owning/renting a house, getting married, paying for health care, starting a family. What is voted for today will have a huge effect on your life after college – do you really want to leave those decisions up to someone else?

Date/time/location: March 1st

Minnesota Republican Party and Minnesota DFL Party

Tuesday, March 1 starting at 7:00 PM.

Students living on campus can attend at the Jimmy Lee Recreation CENTER (W-1 P-2) 270 Lexington Pkwy, North St. Paul, MN 55104. JIMMY LEE RECREATION CENTER (W-1 P-2) 270 LEXINGTON PKWY N SAINT PAUL, MN 55104.

Find your caucus location online starting the week of February 8, by

# Martin Luther King Day

By Cydi Yang

Although many people used Martin Luther King Day as a day off to relax in their homes or to catch up on their shows on Netflix, a group of Concordia students and faculty utilized it as a "Day On."

On January 18th, the students and faculty of Concordia University came to campus at 12:30 pm and began their "Day on" challenge. The event started off with pizza and drinks along with an introduction of the event from Dr. Cheryl Chatman. When Dr. Chatman finished her introduction, she passed the mic on to Cydi Yang who gave a powerful spoken word piece that she personally wrote for the event. Charles Hines, a faculty member at Concordia, gave a heartfelt speech on what Martin Luther King Day meant to him and after that, four students, Megan Nelson, Miata Smith, Mikayla Smith and Emily Barton read one of Martin Luther King's many speeches to empower the audience and to spark encouragement for the reason that they were all there, serving their community.

When all of the introductions to the event were finished, all the students went on their way to their assigned service sites. Some students walked to ARTs-us, and others rode buses to the Dorothy Day shelter, Breaking free, a Minnesota-based

non-profit and social justice/social change organization that works with women, or the Episcopal Church nursing home. The Shades of Harmony Gospel Choir also drove to the different sites to share their uplifting songs with the members of the community that were at the various sites.

Around two p.m., everyone returned to campus and gathered once again at the BEC to reflect on the day. Many of the students found a new feeling of gratefulness for the many opportunities, materials, and people they have to support them, because going to the sites made them see that not everyone has all of the things that they do. Many of the students also felt good about being able to come together with other members of the Concordia community to help out people and the surrounding community. It was a productive day for the large group of CSP students to come together and give service to celebrate the wonderful deeds Martin Luther King Jr. had achieved decades ago, and to celebrate his continuing influence on anyone with a dream. His legacy will continue to live on for decades to come.

