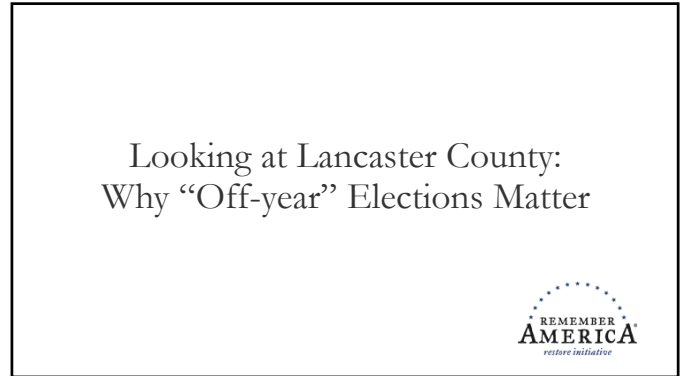




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### History of County Government in Pennsylvania

The common thread running through county history is the role of county government as an administrative unit of the state. Counties have traditionally taken their grants of authority from the commonwealth and, before the Revolution, the provincial government. In America, the English model for county governments was adopted early on. Pennsylvania's first three counties (Philadelphia, Bucks, and Chester) were created when William Penn arrived in Pennsylvania in 1682. By various combinations and subdivisions, more counties were created over the next 200 years until the youngest of the 67 counties, Lackawanna, was instituted in 1878.

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### History of County Government in Pennsylvania

The earliest responsibilities of counties included the maintenance of the local judicial system and the local prison. Because the prisons were often associated with debtors, counties in a backdoor fashion acquired some responsibilities for human services. The county “poor farm” was an early example that continued into the 20th century.

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### Current Roles of County Government in Pennsylvania

With the advent of the 20th century, the role of county government came to be defined as it is known today. County government now had both state and local dimensions. Its primary responsibilities, traditional in nature, are as an agent of the state for the purposes of the administration of justice, maintenance of legal records, the conduct of elections and the administration of human services programs. Counties have also been granted powers more commonly considered local, rather than state, in character. Some of these powers include parks and recreation, emergency management, solid waste management, and in some cases zoning and land use.

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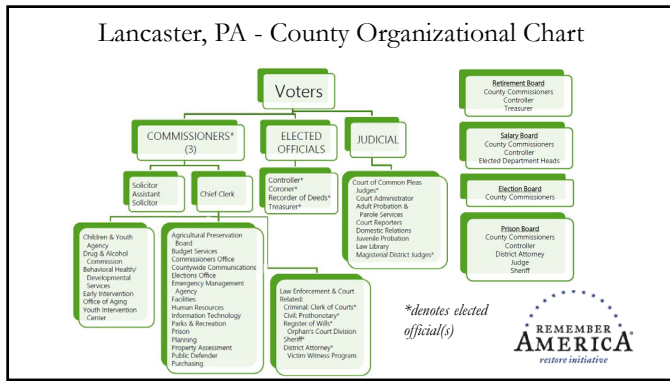
### Local Government Overview: What Do They Do?

Local governments provide police and fire protection; collect garbage and recycling and provide for its disposal or reuse; treat and supply water and sewage; pave, plow, and light streets and roads; educate our children; provide services for the elderly and at-risk youth; maintain parks and offer recreational programs; and much more. Local government impacts the daily lives of residents, businesses, and visitors.

Taken From the Citizen's Guide To Local Pennsylvania Government



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### Lancaster, PA - County Commissioners

The County Code provides that the “Board of County Commissioners may adopt resolutions and ordinances prescribing the manner in which powers of the county shall be carried out and generally regulating the affairs of the county.”

Different types of actions are available to the board to be used for different purposes. The most commonly used are the ordinance, resolution, motion and regulation. The specific type of action used may be determined by a statutory mandate or by the written or unwritten policy of the governing body.

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### Lancaster, PA - County Commissioners

Solicitor (fancy word for legal council) Assistant Solicitor Chief Clerk Children & Youth Agency Drug & Alcohol Commission Behavioral Health/Developmental Services Early Intervention Office of Aging Youth Intervention Center Youth Intervention Board Budget Services Commissioners Office Countywide Communications Elections Office Emergency Management Agency Facilities Human Resources Information Technology Parks & Recreation Prison Planning	Property Assessment Public Defender Purchasing	<b>Law Enforcement &amp; Court Related:</b> Agricultural Preservation Board Criminal Clerk of Courts* Civil Prothonotary* Register of Wills* Orphan's Court Division Sheriff* District Attorney* Victim Witness Program
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### Lancaster, PA - County Revenue

	GENERAL FUND	OTHER FUNDS	TOTAL
<b>REVENUE</b>			
County Tax Receipts—2021			
Real Estate (2.911 Mills)	\$122,205,605		\$122,205,605
Delinquent Taxes	\$2,075,000		\$2,075,000
Total County Tax Receipts—2021	\$124,280,605		\$124,280,605
State & Federal Grants—2021	\$5,183,253	\$89,189,821	\$94,373,074
Fees & Fines—2021	\$36,284,310	\$5,331,032	\$41,615,342
Interest Earnings—2021	\$200,000	\$30,000	\$230,000
County Match—2021		\$13,851,119	\$13,851,119
<b>TOTAL 2021 RECEIPTS</b>	<b>\$165,948,168</b>	<b>\$108,402,072</b>	<b>\$274,350,240</b>
Fund Balance Available 12/31/20	\$43,214,575	\$8,851,036	\$52,065,611
Reserve for Encumbrances	\$6,141,244	\$1,949,489	\$8,090,733
<b>Total Receipts &amp; Fund Balance</b>	<b>\$215,303,987</b>	<b>\$119,202,597</b>	<b>\$334,506,584</b>

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### Lancaster, PA - County Expenditures

	GENERAL FUND	OTHER FUNDS	TOTAL
Payroll & Fringe Benefits	\$89,493,900	\$37,402,905	\$126,896,805
Other Operating Expenditures	\$33,594,290	\$66,846,902	\$100,441,192
Capital	\$1,394,841	\$7,232,985	\$8,627,826
Debt Service	\$21,704,717		\$21,704,717
Radio Project Lease & Interest	\$2,226,973		\$2,226,973
Voting Machine Lease	\$579,007		\$579,007
County Match	\$13,851,119		\$13,851,119
Affiliated Agency/Capital Project Grants	\$2,608,195		\$2,608,195
RRTA Funding	\$420,126		\$420,126
<b>TOTAL 2021 OPERATING EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>\$165,873,168</b>	<b>\$111,482,792</b>	<b>\$277,355,960</b>
2020 Commitments Expended in 2021	\$6,141,244	\$1,949,489	\$8,090,733
Fund Balance Remaining 12/31/21	\$43,289,575	\$5,770,316	\$49,059,891
<b>Total 2021 Operating Expenditures And Fund Balance Remaining 12/31/21</b>	<b>\$215,303,987</b>	<b>\$119,202,597</b>	<b>\$334,506,584</b>

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### Lancaster, PA County Overview

- Lancaster County, PA population is roughly 545,000
- Lancaster County, PA budget is approximately \$275,000,000.00
  - Approximately \$500.00 is spent per person each year
- 2114 employees on payroll
  - Average salary is \$36,000.00 per person (information from www.govsalaries.com)
  - Approximately 1 county government employee for every 250 people in Lancaster County
- 37.4% of funds go to Health & Human Services


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**Lancaster, PA Elected Row Officials:  
Solicitor & Assistant Solicitor \*\*\***

The County Code authorizes the commissioners to obtain legal counsel as required. The county commissioners at minimum appoint an attorney as county solicitor to represent them in legal matters, and they may appoint one or more assistant county solicitors. The solicitor can be a member of a law firm on retainer, while some counties have opted to hire a full-time solicitor who is directly employed by the county. Compensation arrangements are whatever the parties agree upon.

\*\*\*Solicitor is simply a fancy word for legal council

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**Lancaster, PA Elected Row Officials:  
Chief Clerk**

Most of the official business that requires the commissioners' attention is channeled through the office of the chief clerk. While the statutory responsibility of the chief clerk is nominally delineated as managing the meetings and maintaining the records of the commissioners, in most counties the clerk serves as the day-to-day administrative staff for the commissioners. Chief clerks are appointed by the county commissioners. They are appointed for indefinite terms and serve at the pleasure of the Board of Commissioners.

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**Lancaster, PA Elected Row Officials:  
County Controller \***

The controller is responsible for gathering budget information, prescribing systems of accounting, approving all bills, claims and demands and preparing their payment. The controller audits books, records and accounts of all county officers and makes financial reports at the close of the year. The controller also has custody of all title deeds to real estate owned by the county, all contracts entered into by or on behalf of the county and all books, documents and papers relating to its financial affairs.

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**Lancaster, PA Elected Row Officials:  
County Treasurer \***

Duties of the county treasurer include receipt, custody and disbursement of all county monies and, as an agent of the state, issuing dog, hunting and fishing licenses. The office pays all bills on order from the commissioners and must produce vouchers or other documentation and records of transactions for the independent auditors at the end of each fiscal year. In counties having no controller, the treasurer must render, at least quarterly and more often if required, a statement of transactions.

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**Lancaster, PA Elected Row Officials:  
District Attorney \***

The district attorney signs all bills of indictment and conducts all in-court criminal prosecution in the name of the commonwealth. Assistants, special assistants, deputy assistants, deputy assistant district attorneys, county detectives, stenographers and clerks are appointed to assist in criminal investigation and prosecution of the cases before the court. Powers and duties of the district attorney are defined in the County Code and to a greater extent in the Judicial Code. The Code requires the commonwealth to pay 65 percent of the district attorney's salary.

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**Lancaster, PA Elected Row Officials:  
Sheriff \***

The sheriff serves principally as an officer of the court. The main duties involve delivering and carrying out orders of county courts, including service of writs, processes and other judicial documents and executing sheriff's sales. They may also provide courthouse security, prisoner transport, and assistance in impaneling juries. Aside from transfer of powers from the outgoing sheriff to a successor, the County Code contains no further enumeration of the sheriff's powers and duties

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### Lancaster, PA Elected Row Officials: Sheriff \*

In counties without a Prison Board, the sheriff is also responsible for jail management. While it is common for sheriffs to provide security for county-owned property and facilities, there is no statutory requirement for sheriffs to do so and some counties instead have separate security personnel reporting to the commissioners.

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### Lancaster, PA Elected Row Officials: Sheriff \*

Evolving case law raises questions concerning the capacity of the sheriff to perform law enforcement duties in addition to serving as an officer of the court. The Pennsylvania Supreme Court has ruled that sheriffs are not considered “investigative or law enforcement officials” and thereby do not have the explicit right to perform law enforcement duties. They have common law “arrest on sight” powers, including vehicle code citations if properly trained.

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### Lancaster, PA Elected Row Officials: Sheriff \*

In some counties, sheriffs have attempted to extend their duties to include patrol, private security, or acting as surrogates for municipal police departments; review by the county solicitor is necessary in these circumstances to assure that any activities comport with case law and to assure that any contractual relationships are established within the purview of the commissioners.

Link to Sheriff & Candidate survey  
<https://cspoa.org/wp-content/freecontent/Sheriff-Survey-REV-D-2021.pdf>

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### Lancaster, PA Elected Row Officials: Prothonotary \*

The prothonotary is the clerk of the court of common pleas and keeps records of all civil procedures before the courts, signs all writs and processes (such as suits) and files copies of all records and processes. The prothonotary takes bail in civil actions, enters judgments at the instance of plaintiffs and, upon the confession of defendants, signs all judgments and takes the acknowledgments of satisfaction of judgments or decrees entered on the records of the court.

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### Lancaster, PA Elected Row Officials: Clerk of Courts \*

The office of the clerk of courts is the chief clerk and record-keeper for the criminal courts. The clerk keeps all papers filed under criminal and civil procedures of the courts and is responsible for maintaining the minute book and the records of all similar procedures of the courts.

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### Lancaster, PA Elected Row Officials: Register of Wills \*

The register of wills decides the probate of the will of any resident of the county or of any decedent the bulk of whose estate lies within the county. The register of wills is the commonwealth’s agent for the collection of the state inheritance tax, has jurisdiction over the probate of wills and fiduciary accounts, and maintains records on wills, inventory of estates, fiduciary accounts, inheritance tax records, registration of licenses (including marriage licenses) and other miscellaneous records.

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**Lancaster, PA Elected Row Officials:  
Clerk of Orphans' Court**

All proceedings relative to estates of incompetents and to adoptions are filed with the clerk of orphans' court. Adoption records are the only records in the office which are sealed and which may not be seen by the public. The office is not independently elected in any county, and instead is performed in most circumstances by the register of wills.




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**Lancaster, PA Elected Row Officials:  
Recorder of Deeds \***

The recorder of deeds is mainly responsible for the preservation of records relating to real property in the county. The recorder of deeds is required to record and affix a seal on all deeds executed, mortgages, condominium declarations, subdivision plans, and other records of property ownership. The office also records oaths and commissions of all county officers, notaries public and district justices.




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**Lancaster, PA Elected Row Officials:  
Coroner \***

The coroner investigates deaths of a suspicious or violent nature and is assisted by a coroner jury of inquest when called to determine the cause of death. When inquests are warranted, the coroner is empowered to perform autopsies (performed by a contracted medical examiner when the coroner is not credentialed), subpoena witnesses, administer oaths and compel attendance at an inquest upon threat of imprisonment. The coroner is required to issue a certificate of cause of death when it occurs without medical attention or attendance.



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**Lancaster, PA Elected Row Officials:  
Court of Common Pleas Judges \***

Each county has one or more judge selected to hear criminal and civil court cases. Lancaster County PA has 14 judges.

Lancaster County Court of Common Pleas Judges

- *David L. Ashworth, President Judge*
- *David R. Workman*
- *Dennis E. Reinaker*
- *Donald R. Tataro*
- *Howard F. Knisely*
- *Jeffery D. Wright*
- *Margaret Miller*
- *Christopher A. Hackman*
- *Jeffrey J. Reich*
- *Leonard G. Brown, III*
- *Merrill M. Spahn Jr.*
- *Thomas B. Sponaugle*
- *Jeffrey A. Conrad*
- *Craig W. Stedman*




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**Lancaster, PA Elected Row Officials:  
Magisterial District Judges \***

One magisterial district judge is elected in each magisterial district of the county. They have jurisdiction in minor criminal and civil cases. Magisterial district judges administer criminal bookings and small claims such as traffic tickets.

Lancaster County Pa has a total of 19 magisterial judges.




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**Lancaster, PA Human Services System**

In the 1960s, President Johnson's Great Society marked the most distinct shift from local charitable community support to a focused governmental provision of services. These included not only public support programs for the poor, but many new state and federal human services programs for special populations. Since the 1960s, Pennsylvania county human services have grown rapidly and consistently.

- Health & Human Services expenses: \$103,610,642.00
  - Children & Youth - \$46,095,367.00
  - Domestic Relations - \$7,214,745.00
  - Office of Aging - \$13,760,438.00
  - Drug & Alcohol - \$6,282,920.00
  - Behavioral Health - \$30,230,172.00



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Lancaster, PA Human Services System:  
Children and Youth Services

Each county's Children and Youth Services agency is organized and operates in cooperation with the commonwealth toward the purpose of protecting children. It is the goal of children and youth social services to ensure for each child in the commonwealth a permanent, legally-assured family which protects the child from abuse and neglect.

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Lancaster, PA Human Services System:  
Office of Domestic Relations

Domestic Relations includes multiple facets and involves the juvenile justice system, adult probation, child support and is most often involved in court proceedings. Lancaster County judges and court officials have often set the example for other court systems with innovative programs to improve the administration of justice. In 1960, the court created the Office of Domestic Relations.



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Lancaster, PA Human Services System:  
Office of The Aging

All 67 counties are covered by one of the Area Agencies on Aging (AAA), some of which are county operated and some of which are private contractors, and about a third of Pennsylvania's counties are involved in the operation and administration of a nursing home. These organizations and their governing boards are responsible for arranging services to older persons who need long-term care.

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Lancaster, PA Human Services System:  
Drug & Alcohol

Drug and Alcohol services are provided at the county level through Single County Authorities (SCAs) for the planning, coordination, and administration of the types of drug and alcohol prevention, intervention and treatment services necessary to meet the needs of local citizens. Services are provided based upon county plans prepared in accordance with guidelines prepared by the Department of Drug and Alcohol Programs (DDAP).

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Lancaster, PA Human Services System:  
Behavioral Health

The mission of the Mental Health (MH) program is to provide services to persons with mental illness. Due to limited funding, the state has further set priorities within the program for persons with serious, chronic mental illness. The Developmental Disabilities (DD) program provides a variety of services to Pennsylvanians with mental disabilities. A relatively new program is Early Intervention which is the only mandated entitlement service within MH/DD.

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Lancaster, PA Authorities:  
Waste, Transit, Sewer & Water

Lancaster County has a total of 54 Authorities. They include housing, water, sewer, transit, education, air transportation, parking, hospital, development, solid waste, investment, municipal, and convention center authorities.




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**Lancaster, PA Authorities:  
Waste, Transit, Sewer & Water**

Authorities are created by a government governing body, such as township board of supervisors or board of country commissioners. They are government agencies. Once created, they are autonomous.

The board that created them can only appoint members when terms are up, or vacancies come up. Revenue comes from authorized fees or assessments. They are governed by the PA Authorities Act, also known as the Municipal Authorities Act of 1954. They must follow the sunshine law, open records, and other government laws.




Excerpt provided by Ray D'Agostino, Lancaster County Commissioner

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**Lancaster, PA Authorities:  
Waste, Transit, Sewer & Water**


BAINBRIDGE WATER AUTHORITY	EAST LAMPETER SEWER AUTHORITY
BLUE BALL WATER AUTHORITY	ELIZABETHTOWN AREA REGIONAL AUTHORITY
CHRISTIANA BOROUGH AUTHORITY	ELIZABETHTOWN AREA WATER AUTHORITY
EARL TOWNSHIP SEWER AUTHORITY	EPHRATA AREA JOINT (WATER) AUTHORITY
EAST COCALICO TOWNSHIP (WATER AND SEWER) AUTHORITY	EPHRATA BOROUGH AUTHORITY
EAST DONEGAL TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL (WATER) AUTHORITY	EPHRATA TOWNSHIP SEWER AUTHORITY
EAST DONEGAL TOWNSHIP SEWER AUTHORITY	GEORGETOWN AREA SEWER AUTHORITY
EAST EARL SEWER AUTHORITY	LANCASTER AIRPORT AUTHORITY
EAST HEMPFIELD TOWNSHIP INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY	
EAST HEMPFIELD TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL (WATER) AUTHORITY	



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**Lancaster, PA Authorities:  
Waste, Transit, Sewer & Water**


LANCASTER AREA SEWER AUTHORITY	LANCASTER HOUSING AUTHORITY (CITY)
LANCASTER CITY PARKING AUTHORITY	LANCASTER INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
LANCASTER COUNTY CONVENTION CENTER AUTHORITY	LANCASTER MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY
LANCASTER COUNTY HOSPITAL AUTHORITY	LANCASTER-LEBANON JOINT (SCHOOL) AUTHORITY
LANCASTER COUNTY HOUSING AUTHORITY	LEACOCK TOWNSHIP SEWER AUTHORITY
LANCASTER COUNTY SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY	LEOLA SEWER AUTHORITY
LANCASTER COUNTY TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY	LITITZ SEWER AUTHORITY
LANCASTER COUNTY VOCATIONAL TECHNICAL SCHOOL AUTHORITY	MANHEIM BOROUGH AUTHORITY
LANCASTER DOWNTOWN INVESTMENT DISTRICT AUTHORITY	
LANCASTER HIGHER EDUCATION AUTHORITY	



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**Lancaster, PA Authorities:  
Waste, Transit, Sewer & Water**

MANHEIM TOWNSHIP GENERAL MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY	SOUTH CENTRAL TRANSIT AUTHORITY
MARIETTA-DONEGAL JOINT (SEWER) AUTHORITY	STRASBURG BOROUGH AUTHORITY
MOUNT JOY BOROUGH (WATER AND SEWER) AUTHORITY	SUBURBAN LANCASTER SEWER AUTHORITY
NEW HOLLAND BOROUGH AUTHORITY	WARWICK TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL (WATER AND SEWER) AUTHORITY
NORTHERN LANCASTER COUNTY (SEWER) AUTHORITY	WEST COCALICO TOWNSHIP (WATER AND SEWER) AUTHORITY
NORTHWESTERN LANCASTER COUNTY AUTHORITY	WEST EARL SEWER AUTHORITY
PARADISE TOWNSHIP SEWER AUTHORITY	WEST EARL WATER AUTHORITY
QUARRYVILLE BOROUGH (SEWER) AUTHORITY	WESTERN HEIGHTS WATER AUTHORITY
RED ROSE TRANSIT AUTHORITY	
SADSBURY TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY	




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**Lancaster, PA Municipal Officials:  
Lancaster City, Townships & Boroughs**

Lancaster County has a total of 60 different municipal governments. This includes one city, 18 boroughs, and 41 townships, each of these municipal governments have multiple elected officials.


This does not include the 16 school districts in Lancaster County Pa.



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**Lancaster, PA Municipal Officials:  
Lancaster City, Townships & Boroughs**


CITY OF LANCASTER	BOROUGH OF NEW HOLLAND
BOROUGH OF ADAMSTOWN	BOROUGH OF QUARRYVILLE
BOROUGH OF AKRON	BOROUGH OF STRASBURG
BOROUGH OF CHRISTIANA	BOROUGH OF TERRE HILL
BOROUGH OF COLUMBIA	TOWNSHIP OF BART
BOROUGH OF DENVER	TOWNSHIP OF BRECKNOCK
BOROUGH OF EAST PETERSBURG	TOWNSHIP OF CAERNARVON
BOROUGH OF ELIZABETHTOWN	TOWNSHIP OF CLAY
BOROUGH OF EPHRATA	TOWNSHIP OF COLERAIN
BOROUGH OF LITITZ	TOWNSHIP OF CONESTOGA
BOROUGH OF MANHEIM	
BOROUGH OF MARIETTA	
BOROUGH OF MILLERSVILLE	
BOROUGH OF MOUNT JOY	
BOROUGH OF MOUNTVILLE	



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**Lancaster, PA Municipal Officials:  
Lancaster City, Townships & Boroughs**


TOWNSHIP OF CONOY	TOWNSHIP OF LITTLE BRITAIN
TOWNSHIP OF DRUMORE	TOWNSHIP OF MANHEIM
TOWNSHIP OF EARL	TOWNSHIP OF MANOR
TOWNSHIP OF EAST COCALICO	TOWNSHIP OF MARTIC
TOWNSHIP OF EAST DONEGAL	TOWNSHIP OF MOUNT JOY
TOWNSHIP OF EAST DRUMORE	TOWNSHIP OF PARADISE
TOWNSHIP OF EAST EARL	TOWNSHIP OF PENN
TOWNSHIP OF EAST HEMPFIELD	TOWNSHIP OF PEQUEA
TOWNSHIP OF EAST LAMPETER	TOWNSHIP OF PROVIDENCE
TOWNSHIP OF EDEN	TOWNSHIP OF RAPHO
TOWNSHIP OF ELIZABETH	
TOWNSHIP OF EPHRATA	
TOWNSHIP OF FULTON	
TOWNSHIP OF LANCASTER	
TOWNSHIP OF LEACOCK	



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**Lancaster, PA Municipal Officials:  
Lancaster City, Townships & Boroughs**

TOWNSHIP OF SADBURY
TOWNSHIP OF SALISBURY
TOWNSHIP OF STRASBURG
TOWNSHIP OF UPPER LEACOCK
TOWNSHIP OF WARWICK
TOWNSHIP OF WEST COCALICO
TOWNSHIP OF WEST DONEGAL
TOWNSHIP OF WEST EARL
TOWNSHIP OF WEST HEMPFIELD
TOWNSHIP OF WEST LAMPETER




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**Lancaster, PA Municipal Officials:  
Lancaster City**

Lancaster City operates under an Optional Third Class City Charter Law. Under the Optional Charter Law, the mayor-council form has a 5, 7 or 9-member council, elected at-large for overlapping four-year terms. A mayor, treasurer and a controller are also elected for 4 years. The mayor is the chief executive of the city and enforces the ordinances of council. The mayor supervises the work of all city departments and submits the annual city budget to council.

Lancaster City has 7 council members.




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**Lancaster, PA Municipal Officials:  
Lancaster City**

In the council-manager form, all authority is lodged with council, composed of 5, 7 or 9 members, elected at-large for four-year overlapping terms. The mayor may be chosen directly by the voters or by council from among its members. A city treasurer and controller are also elected. The city manager is appointed by council. The manager is the chief administrative officer of the city and is responsible for executing the ordinances of council. The manager appoints and may remove department heads and subordinates.

Taken From the City Government in Pennsylvania




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**Lancaster, PA Municipal Officials:  
Lancaster City Elected Officials \***

Mayor\*  
 Councilor/Council President\*  
 Councilor\*  
 Councilor\*  
 Councilor\*  
 Councilor\*  
 Councilor\*  
 Councilor\*  
 Treasurer\*  
 Controller\*


\*denotes elected official(s)



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**Lancaster, PA  
City Overview**  
(an example)

- Lancaster City population is roughly 60,000
- Lancaster City budget is approximately \$61,000,000.00
  - Approximately \$1000.00 is spent per person each year
- 612 employees on payroll (information from www.govsalaries.com)
  - Average salary \$64,000.00 per person (information from www.govsalaries.com)
  - Approximately 1 city government employee for every 100 people in Lancaster City




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**Lancaster, PA Municipal Officials:  
Borough Mayors & Councilors**

Borough officials are elected at the municipal election held in odd-numbered years. With the exception of auditors, whose terms run for six years, all other elected officials serve a four-year term. The term of office begins the first Monday of January after the election. In each borough, half the council is elected every two years so that council members have overlapping terms. One auditor is elected at each municipal election. Lancaster County Pa has a total of 18 boroughs, each having seven (7) chairmen and one (1) mayor. You must live in the borough to be elected to one of these positions.




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**Lancaster, PA Municipal Officials:  
Borough of Mountville, PA**  
*(an example)*

Mountville Borough Council

The registered voters of a borough elect the following officers:

- Mayor \*
- Seven (7) council members \*




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**Lancaster, PA Municipal Officials:  
Borough of Mountville, PA**  
*(an example)*

- The Borough of Mountville has a total of eight people on staff
- Mountville Borough budget is roughly \$1,130,550.00
- 2010 census has Mountville, PA at 2802 people
- Average cost per person is roughly \$400.00 a year




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**Lancaster, PA Townships**

Townships of the first-class or second-class.

Pennsylvania has two classes of townships. All townships are second class except where first class status has been approved by the voters. To become a township of the first class, a township must have a population density of 300 persons per square mile and voters must approve the change of classification in a referendum.




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**Lancaster, PA Townships**


Every first-class township has at least five elected township “commissioners,” elected at large or by wards for four year overlapping terms. In townships with five or more wards, one commissioner is elected from each ward. Additional elected officials include a tax collector, who collects the real estate tax for the township, and three auditors or one controller, who annually audit all township accounts. A township may, instead of electing auditors or a controller, appoint a certified public accountant to perform the audit.



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**Lancaster, PA Municipal Officials:  
Township Elected Officials \***

All first-class elected township officials serve for a four-year term, except auditors, who are elected for a term of six years. Township elections occur at the municipal election held in odd-numbered years. Half of the board of commissioners in a first-class township are elected every two years. In townships with auditors, one auditor is elected every two years.




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**Lancaster, PA Townships**

In townships of the second-class all officers are elected at large by the voters of the township at municipal elections occurring in odd-numbered years. Supervisors and auditors serve overlapping six-year terms. Tax collectors serve for four years. Upon a resolution of the board of supervisors or a petition of at least five percent of the registered voters of the township, as well as a majority of those voting in the next municipal election, a township may add two additional supervisors. This question cannot be voted on more than once in any three-year period.




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**Lancaster, PA Municipal Officials:  
Township Elected Officials \***

In townships of the first-class voters elect the following officials:

- Commissioners: \* at least five, depending on whether the township is divided into wards
- One tax collector \*
- Three auditors \* or one appointed auditor, or one controller \* where such office has been created.


\*denotes elected official(s)  


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**Lancaster, PA Municipal Officials:  
Township Elected Officials \***

In townships of the second-class voters elect the following officials:

- Supervisors: \* at least three
- One tax collector \*
- Three auditors \*

\*denotes elected official(s)  


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**Lancaster, PA Townships**

The main difference between a first-class and second-class townships is that second class townships have three (3) to five (5) “supervisors” and second-class township “supervisors” are elected every six (6) years.

Townships by type in Pennsylvania

- 1<sup>st</sup> Class Townships . . . . . 93
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Class Townships . . . . . 1,454


Manheim Township is the only first-class township in Lancaster County.



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**Lancaster, PA Municipal Officials:  
West Hempfield Township  
(an example)**


- West Hempfield Township has five (5) supervisors \*
- Annual budget is \$6,976,551.03
- West Hempfield Township has 45 employees with an average salary of \$63,450.00. (information from [www.govsalaries.com](http://www.govsalaries.com))
- 2019 census has the population at 16,744 people
- Average cost per person is roughly \$415.00 a year

\*denotes elected official(s)  


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**Lancaster, PA Municipal Officials:  
West Hempfield Township Departments**


Administration	Police Department
Emergency Management (EMA)	Public Works
Emergency Medical Services	Recreation
Finance & Human Resources	Zoning, Permits, and Land Use
Fire Department	
Parks	
Pension & Act 44	



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**Lancaster, PA Municipal Officials:  
Constables \***


Constables are locally-elected officials, but they are independent of any direction from any local government and carry out their duties according to the dictates of the laws under which they operate. Constables are charged with conservation of the peace and are not employees of the commonwealth, the judiciary, the municipality or the county in which they work. Instead, they are independent contractors.

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**Lancaster, PA Municipal Officials:  
Constables \***


Courts have held constables to be related staff of the judicial system (officers whose functions aid the judicial process), but not personnel entitled to costs of legal defense in matters relating to the conduct of their office.

\*denotes elected official(s)  


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**Lancaster, PA Municipal Officials:  
Constables \***


The term of a constable in cities of the second-class, second-class A, and third-class, boroughs, towns and townships is six years. In cities of the second and third class, a constable is elected in each ward. In boroughs divided into wards, a constable is elected in each ward and a high constable is elected by the entire borough. A second constable may be elected in townships of the first class.

\*denotes elected official(s)  


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**Lancaster, PA Municipal Officials:  
School Board Directors \***


Unlike other local governments, school districts are charged with one function rather than many. The Public School Code creates school districts and regulates how educational services are administered. For example, the Code provides compulsory attendance for students, which is enforced by school district administrators.

\*denotes elected official(s)  


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**Lancaster, PA Municipal Officials:  
School Board Directors \***


Each school district is governed by an elected nine-member school board created under the Public School Code. Board members are elected for four-year terms and are unpaid volunteers. School boards handle a broad spectrum of responsibilities including taxes, labor, administration, and education policy. The board may hire personnel, provide for school buildings, buy textbooks and other supplies, and issue bonds. The administrative head of the school district is the district superintendent, who is appointed by the school board to oversee the day-to-day operations and management of the district.

\*denotes elected official(s)  


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**Lancaster County, Pennsylvania  
Public Schools**

Cocalico	Lancaster School District
Columbia Borough	Manheim Central
Conestoga Valley	Manheim Township
Donegal	Penn Manor
Eastern Lancaster County	Pequea Valley
Elizabethtown Area	Solanco
Ephrata Area	Warwick
Hempfield	Octorara *
Lampeter-Strasburg	

\*Chester County School District – small corner in Lancaster County  



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**Lancaster County, Pennsylvania  
Public Schools**

- Lancaster County has a total of 16 school districts
- Total estimated enrolled in Lancaster County is 64,279 students
- Estimated annual cost for public school in Lancaster County is projected to be over one (1) billion dollars

In 2019, Lancaster County school districts spent about \$17,900 per student, about 2% less than the statewide level of \$18,300. The county rate represented a 54% increase since 2001

Figures are from the Pennsylvania Department of Education and have been adjusted to 2020 dollars. Per pupil expenditures are calculated by dividing a district's operating costs by its average enrollment across the school year. (information from www.lancasterindicators.com)




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**Lancaster, PA Municipal Officials:  
Judge of Election \***

Judge of Election – 4 Year Term – Elected by Voters

There is one Judge of Elections who is elected to a four-year term. The Judge of Elections is responsible for receiving the ballot box from the County the weekend before the Election, for swearing in Election Officers at the beginning of the day, for overseeing the conduct of the Election, and for making a determination when a question arises.

\*denotes elected official(s)



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**Lancaster, PA Municipal Officials:  
Inspector of Election \***


Majority Inspector – 4 Year Term – Elected by Voters

- Received highest number of votes cast. Not determined by party.

Minority Inspector – 4 Year Term – Elected by Voters

- Received second highest number of votes cast. Not determined by party.

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**Lancaster, PA Municipal Officials:  
Inspector of Election \***

There are two Inspectors of Elections who are each elected to a four-year term. The Inspectors assist the Judge in the conduct of the Election. Each Inspector is also assisted by a Clerk. Conduct of the Election includes verifying and signing in voters, recording names of voters, presenting ballots to voters, and handling questions and special situations as they arise.

\*denotes elected official(s)




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**Lancaster, PA Municipal Officials:  
Precinct Committee Chairperson \***

The term of office for a precinct committee chairperson is four years and each precinct has two precinct chairs.

What is a precinct committee person?  
A precinct captain, also known as a precinct chairman, precinct delegate, precinct committee officer or Precinct Committeeman, is an elected official in the American political party system. The office establishes a direct link between a political party and the voters in a local election district.

\*denotes elected official(s)




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**Lancaster, PA Municipal Officials:  
Precinct Committee Chairperson \***

- Registering voters and encouraging them to vote.
- Assisting voters by providing information, absentee ballot applications and other services.
- Assisting their party in finding, nominating, and electing well-qualified candidates for office
- Assisting candidates who are registered in election campaigns

\*denotes elected official(s)



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Lancaster, PA Municipal Officials:  
Precinct Committee Chairperson \*

- Protecting the interests of their party and of the candidates who are registered to their party at the polls.
- Provision of up-to-date personal contact information including home address, email addresses and cell phone numbers.
- Otherwise advancing the interests of their party.

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- If no, why continue this semi-annual trek to the ballot box?
- What do we do with all this information?



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## “Christ, Not Man, Is King”

Oliver Cromwell



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County & Municipal Government:  
Why Is It Important?

- Local Government is where the rubber hits the road
- Local Government is where you have the most influence
- Local Government is God's design



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County & Municipal Government:  
What Does The Bible Say?

But select capable men from all the people, men who fear God, trustworthy men who hate dishonest gain, and appoint them as officials over thousands, hundreds, fifties and tens. Have them serve as judges for the people at all times, but have them bring every difficult case to you; the simple cases they can decide themselves. That will make your load lighter, because they will share it with you. Exodus 18: 21-22



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County & Municipal Government:  
What Does The Bible Say?

“You shall appoint for yourself judges and officers in all your towns which the Lord your God is giving you, according to your tribes, and they shall judge the people with righteous judgment. You shall not distort justice, you shall not show partiality; and you shall not accept a bribe, because a bribe blinds the eyes of the wise and distorts the words of the righteous. Justice, and only justice, you shall pursue, so that you may live and possess the land which the Lord your God is giving you. Deuteronomy 16: 18-20



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County & Municipal Government:  
What Does The Bible Say?

First of all, then, I urge that requests, prayers, intercession, and thanksgiving be made in behalf of all people, for kings and all who are in authority, so that we may lead a tranquil and quiet life in all godliness and dignity. This is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, 1 Timothy 2: 1-3



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County & Municipal Government:  
What Does The Bible Say?

When the righteous increase, the people rejoice, but when a wicked person rules, people groan. Proverbs 29: 2



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County & Municipal Government:  
What Does The Bible Say?

Wash yourselves, make yourselves clean; remove the evil of your deeds from My sight. Stop doing evil, learn to do good; seek justice, rebuke the oppressor, obtain justice for the orphan, plead for the widow's case. Isaiah 1: 16-17



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County & Municipal Government:  
What Does The Bible Say?

Submit yourselves for the Lord's sake to every human institution, whether to a king as the one in authority, or to governors as sent by him for the punishment of evildoers and the praise of those who do right. For such is the will of God, that by doing right you silence the ignorance of foolish people. Act as free people, and do not use your freedom as a covering for evil, but use it as bond-servants of God. Honor all people, love the brotherhood, fear God, honor the king.  
1 Peter 2: 13-17



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County & Municipal Government:  
What Does The Bible Say?

Let everyone be subject to the governing authorities, for there is no authority except that which God has established. The authorities that exist have been established by God. Consequently, whoever rebels against the authority is rebelling against what God has instituted, and those who do so will bring judgment on themselves.  
Romans 13: 1-2



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County & Municipal Government:  
What Does The Bible Say?

"The civil magistrate, in discharging his high function, may justly claim to govern with a divine right. No one needs to be told that this old doctrine of the divine right of rulers has been woefully abused. Sycophantic divines have often made of it a flattering unction for the care of princes; teaching them that they owed no obedience to the laws; that they were responsible to none but God for their administration; that any attempt on the part of the people to curb their tyranny, or to depose them from their seats when milder measures failed, was rebellion against God whose Viceregents they were. Even now, the same doctrine occasionally makes itself heard from the pulpit and the press; and thus men attempt to subject the consciences of the people to the caprices of tyrants. Let it be carefully observed that the harp of Asaph lends no sanction to this 'right divine of kings to govern wrong.'"



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County & Municipal Government:  
Why Is The Bible Important ?

"The word of God is the only blueprint we have for justice."



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County & Municipal Government:  
What To Do?

We must mobilize Christians to run for office, not to continue the current theft and plunder that is going on in our nation, but to propose Godly law and rule in our nation.

We should not enter public office with the intentions of keeping the status quo, but to promote justice and mercy, justice and mercy that can only come from the true and living God.



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County & Municipal Government:  
What To Do?

We must vote for men who hate bribes, who act justly, who recognize their duties. We can no longer vote for the lessor of two evils out of fear that we will lose the election. We must oppose peacefully as Christ has demonstrated and be willing to lay down our cross for the good of our neighbors.



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County & Municipal Government:  
How Do I Get Involved?

Become a precinct committee person  
Run for township supervisor  
Run for township auditor  
Run for clerk of courts  
Run for sheriff – or get a Christian and/or  
a Constitutional sheriff into office



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County & Municipal Government:  
How Do I Get Involved?

Work on eliminating the public welfare system  
Make missions local, quit sending millions of \$\$ out of  
Lancaster County when we have the poor, widows and  
orphans in our backyard  
Think biblically when it comes to the welfare state, they must  
first steal the money in order to give it away



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County & Municipal Government:  
How Do I Get Involved?

Work on eliminating the public school system  
Send your children to private school or homeschool



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County & Municipal Government:  
How Do I Get Involved?

Attend township supervisor meeting  
Attend school board meetings  
Attend county meetings



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County & Municipal Government:  
Final Thoughts

The unbiblical and unconstitutional act of  
compulsory taxation will inevitably lead to us  
to nothing less than a communist state,  
Christians must oppose this evil if they truly  
love their neighbor.



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County & Municipal Government:  
Final Thoughts

“If men will not be governed by the Ten  
Commandments, they shall be governed  
by the ten thousand commandments”

G.K. Chesterton



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County & Municipal Government:  
Final Thoughts

"Silence in the face of evil is itself evil:  
God will not hold us guiltless. Not to  
speak is to speak. Not to act is to act."

Dietrich Bonhoeffer



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County & Municipal Government:  
Final Thoughts

"Hold on, my friends, to the Constitution and to  
the Republic for which it stands. Miracles do not  
cluster and what has happened once in 6,000  
years, may not happen again. Hold on to the  
Constitution, for if the American Constitution  
should fail, there will be anarchy."

Daniel Webster



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Questions?



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The Call to Restore

Jeremiah 18:7-8

*As the song goes, "Lord, if we ever needed you, it's now."*

**"Those from among you will rebuild the ancient ruins;  
You will raise up the age-old foundations; And you will  
be called the repairer of the breach, The restorer of  
the streets in which to dwell.**

Isaiah 58:12

*"If My people..."*

*II Chron. 7:14*

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### RESTORE the Foundations!

"Let divines and philosophers, statesmen and patriots, unite  
their endeavors to renovate the age, by impressing the minds of  
men with the importance of educating their little boys and girls,  
of inculcating in the minds of youth the fear and love of the  
Deity and universal philanthropy, and, in subordination to these  
great principles, the love of their country; of instructing them in  
the art of Self-Government, without which they never can act a  
wise part in the government of societies, great or small; in short,  
of leading them in the study and practice of the exalted virtues  
of the Christian system."

Samuel Adams, 1802

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### Resources for 2021-2022

Upcoming Dayspring *Remember America* Events:

- <https://www.dayspringchristian.com/all-events/featured-events/>

The Foundation for American Christian Education Resources:

- <https://face.net/enlightening-the-nation-community-by-community/>
- <https://face.net/lessons-in-liberty-2020/>

Slavery in America, Truth and Falsehoods (Special Recorded Presentation):

- [https://www.facebookstore.net/product\\_p/comm-sia.htm](https://www.facebookstore.net/product_p/comm-sia.htm)

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Emphatic Conclusion:

*Make no mistake...*

We are contending for the sake of our children and grandchildren. We are contending for our nation. In the final analysis, we are contending for our nation to be counted as a sheep nation not a goat nation (Matt. 25:32-33).

Is this enough to cause us to act?

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