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Environment, other issues beyond abortion are critical in voting, Bishop John Stowe of Lexington, Kentucky, said during the first of a series of webinars hosted by the Catholic Climate Covenant during the Season of Creation. "I really resent the fact that the current president calls himself a pro-life candidate. He can make a case for being an anti-abortion candidate, but when he uses the language of pro-life, I found myself beyond offended by that," Stowe said.

At the webinar, Stowe discussed his objections to abortion being designated "our preeminent priority" in the U.S. bishops' introduction to the latest release of their "Faith Citizenship" document. Meanwhile, Alex Mikulich argues that the document itself is out of touch with current political realities that see U.S. democracy under threat. We need to **reimagine faithful citizenship, restore the common good**, Mikulich says in his NCR column today.

ICYMI, yesterday we had an **NCR exclusive: Campaign names three dozen 'Catholics for Biden' co-chairs**. The list from Joe Biden's campaign includes Catholic lawmakers, ambassadors, educators and nonprofit leaders.

The news that the Hagia Sophia in Istanbul was being changed from a museum to a mosque got Stephen Adubato thinking about **James Baldwin, blindness and Hagia Sophia**. As with United States and its myths that conceal the ugly realities of history, "Turkey's insistence on denying the 400 years of enslavement, the millions of lives killed, and suppression of the Orthodox Christian community is a denial of Turkey's identity," he writes.

Global Sisters Report continues its Sisters of Selma Q&A series, this time interviewing onetime Loretto **Christine Nava: 'Institutional and systemic racism overlap. It's not one size fits all.'**

Sr. Celia Struck writes about the anti-trafficking work local women religious, including her own Sisters of St. Francis of Assissi, are doing in Wisconsin, where **Sisters Program South welcomes women on the streets of Milwaukee**. In addition to the space and services the program offers to women in the street-based sex trade, the ecumenical effort also advocates for a public health-based approach to helping them, rather than criminalizing their actions.

For Soul Seeing, Becky Eldredge reflects on the kayaking-inspired wisdom of a 6-year-old: **'If only we could row together, we would get there faster.'**

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