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India's religious leaders look to influence general election -- Yoga guru plans to sponsor yoga sessions of 100,000 people each in several cities; Catholic Bishops' Conference of India to issue voting guidelines.

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Commentary: **Churches should embrace the Richard Shermans of the world** by Mariam Williams

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