

Wisconsin Evangelical Leaders 'Choose Cruz'

Presidential candidate U.S. Sen. Ted Cruz (R-Texas) announced over the weekend the endorsements of 50 Wisconsin faith leaders ahead of Tuesday's crucial Republican primary there.

The list of endorsements includes clergy, educators, and activists representing thousands of people of faith in the Badger State. Some of the endorsements were previously announced, but the preliminary list includes:

- Julaine Appling, President, Wisconsin Family Action
- Jeanette Bantamoi, Ministry Leader
- Pastor James Booker, Full Gospel Church
- Associate Pastor Joel Bosacki, Living Hope Church
- C. Patrick Boyer, President, Leap of Faith Group
- Reverend Corey A. Brookins, Berea Baptist Church
- Tom Coulter, Ministry Leader
- Pastor Andrew Doll, Bible Baptist Church
- Elisabeth Dubois, VP, Laugh Your Way To a Better Marriage, Celebration Church
- Pastor Lathan Duncan
- Pastor Thomas Ebert, Shalom Baptist Church
- Pastor Daniel J. Fiedler, Shawano Christian Center, Inc.
- Deacon Kabeer Gbaja-Biamila, Living Hope Church
- Pastor Stephen Gorton, Bible Baptist Church
- Heather Grambsch, Life Group Leader, Celebration Church
- Pastor Timothy Hallett, Birch St. Baptist Church
- Tim Harmann, Ministry Leader
- Lisa Harmann, Ministry Leader
- Pastor Randall Hoffman, Harbor Lights Baptist Church
- Senior Pastor Paul Hoover, Souls Harbor Baptist Church
- Ronald Jung, Headmaster, Providence Academy
- Pastor Chris Juvinall, Wausau Bible Church
- James Kocian, Associate Pastor and Worship Leader,

Living Hope Church

- Pastor Ken Kramer, Calvary Baptist Church
- Senior Pastor Randall Lassila, Lighthouse Assembly of God
- Senior Pastor Michael D. LeClaire, Living Hope Church
- Michael LeMay, General Manager, Q90 FM Radio
- David Lingle, Director of Church Relations, Wisconsin Family Council
- Pastor Tom Loggans, Greendale Baptist Church
- Pastor Robert Love, Waupun Baptist Church
- Reverend Matthew Mallek, Refuge Church
- Pastor Tim and Janice Mandich, Able Church
- Pastor Curtis McMiller, Foundation Biblical Baptist Church
- Pastor David Moore, Keystone Baptist Church
- Elder Craig O'Connor, Living Hope Church
- Pastor Peter Ostrander
- Gary Pusick, Life Group Leader, Celebration Church
- Pastor Daniel Reehoff, Dayspring Baptist Church
- Senior Pastor Brian Richard, Grace Baptist Church
- Pastor Richard Rogers, Calvary Baptist Church
- Senior Pastor Rodney Schuler, Calvary Baptist Church
- Pastor James Schumacher, Apostolic Faith Church
- Brian Sikma, Media Trackers, Former Evangelist
- Pastor Kelvin Swanson, Berean Baptist Church
- Aaron Thiel, Christian Author
- Amanda Thompson, Grassroots Leader for Salt and Light Committee, Celebration Church
- Joseph Thompson, Life Group Leader, Celebration Church
- Assistant Pastor Stephen Van Gelderen, Falls Baptist Church
- Rebecca Wilkinson, Ministry Leader
- Jennifer Zyzo, Homeschool Leader

The Cruz campaign's outreach to clergy began with the public endorsement of over 150 pastors ahead of the Iowa Caucus. That list has grown to more than 1,000 formal endorsements, with

additions in every state along the primary calendar.

"I am grateful to have the support of so many people of faith in Wisconsin," Cruz said. "The Obama administration and their extreme liberal allies continue unprecedented attacks on people of faith—from litigating against the Little Sisters of the Poor at the Supreme Court to fining bakers and florists. People of faith should not be forced to choose between relinquishing their deeply-held beliefs or facing punitive fines and the loss of their livelihood. As president, I will tirelessly defend our first freedom, and rather than stifling it, we will champion religious liberty as an indispensable pillar of civil society."