



HOW DO WE PROTECT OUR UNDOCUMENTED FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS?

IMMIGRANTS AND REFUGEES SHOULD KNOW THEIR RIGHTS



Inform Immigrant Neighbors of Their Rights!
It is important to educate all immigrant communities with know-your-rights resources. The most important information is **DON'T OPEN THE DOOR** to Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), police or anyone else if they don't have a warrant signed by a judge.

SERVING AS SANCTUARY CHURCH

Ask Your Congregation to Become a Sanctuary Church

Congregations can do this by partnering with immigrants' rights organizations. Working together, congregations and organizations can build a protection network infrastructure of: safe zones, housing assistance, legal assistance, family planning, advocacy, organizing and bail support.

How to Serve As a Sanctuary Church

The New York Annual Conference gives a detailed guide on how to serve as a sanctuary church: www.nyac.com/servingasasanctuarychurch



UNITED METHODISTS IN ACTION



United Methodists In Action National Justice For Our Neighbors (NJFON) www.njfon.org is a ministry that welcomes immigrants by providing free or low-cost expert immigration legal services to immigrants, refugees, and asylum seekers.

The New York Annual Conference Immigration Task Force Provides Resources www.nyac.com/nyacimmigrationtaskforce

Support GCORR In Developing More Resources
Help GCORR in the development of resources to assist churches in relating to and serving our immigrant and asylum-seeking neighbors in more compassionate and culturally competent ways.

EDUCATE AND ACT

Support ACLU's Kick ICE Out Of Our Communities Petition - <https://action.aclu.org/petition/kick-ice-out-of-our-communities>

Tell Congress to Act - Call your congressional representative and let them know you are a United Methodist who opposes deportation policies of ICE, separation of families and the inhumane treatment of refugees and immigrants at our nation's borders.

Educate Each Other - Continue to educate ourselves and each other on the plight of immigrants and refugees who leave their homelands in search of a better life for themselves and their families.

Fight Against Bias and Racism - Seek opportunities to quell the fear and hate speech aimed at immigrant, refugee and asylum seeking communities.



GCORR calls individuals within The United Methodist Church to do all they can to support our neighbors and lift up the denomination-wide statement on "Welcoming the Migrant to the United States" in the Book of Resolution #3281, adopted by the 2016 General Conference.

The statement reads, in part: Regardless of legal status or nationality, we are all connected through Christ to one another. Paul reminds us that when "one part suffers, all the parts suffer" as well (1 Corinthians 12:26). The solidarity we share through Christ eliminates the boundaries and barriers which exclude and isolate. Therefore, the sojourners we are called to love are our brothers and sisters, our mothers and fathers, our sons and daughters; indeed, they are us.

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