

# Resources for Standing With Undocumented Immigrants, Muslims, Neighbors, and Strangers

The foreigner residing among you must be treated as your native-born. Love them as yourself, for you were foreigners in Egypt. I am the Lord your God.

LEVITICUS 19:34, NEW INTERNATIONAL VERSION

All the Law has been fulfilled in a single statement: Love your neighbor as yourself.

GALATIANS 5:14, COMMON ENGLISH BIBLE



Young people from Ellensburg, Washington, including Claudia Amaya (center, red sweater), 15, and Daisy Conteras (right, red and white striped sweater), 17, participate in a demonstration outside the US federal court in Yakima, Washington, to express support for people arrested in an immigration sweep in Ellensburg. Churches in Ellensburg, a university town east of the Cascade Mountains, formed the nucleus of a local group organized to support the affected families. PHOTO: PAUL JEFFREY

The following resources are provided as tools and as encouragement to help us love one another, love our neighbors, and love the stranger. We do so in response to God's call and joyfully knowing that, in these acts of love and accompaniment, we may meet Christ or perhaps be surprised by angels. (Matthew 25:35-36, Hebrews 13:2).

*Please note that nothing here serves as a substitute for the legal representation of an attorney regarding specific situations and the law.*

## KNOW YOUR RIGHTS

Knowing legal rights that are granted within the United States will allow all of us to better stand for one another's rights in the process of seeking safety for all. It is particularly useful for immigrants without residency documents to know that they still have certain rights and how to avail themselves of them.

**Single page Know Your Rights handouts** are available for download from the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) in a number of languages.

<https://www.aclu.org/feature/know-your-rights-discrimination-against-immigrants-and-muslims?redirect=feature/know-your-rights-immigration#immigration>

**Excellent videos** are provided by CHIRLA, the Coalition for Humane Immigrant Rights of Los Angeles, and provide good training material for anyone at risk, their families, and allies. They are based on real life experience and are multiethnic.

- **America, I too** in English: <https://youtu.be/GA1AY5-ZIOw> (20 min)
- **América, Yo También** in Español: <https://youtu.be/-IUWPEnsq9Q> (20 min)
- **Conozca Sus Derechos:** <https://youtu.be/fsPvsczF6QU> (Español) (11 min)

**Wallet cards, Right to Remain Silent** Bilingual English and Spanish, Chinese, Arabic, Korean, Somali, or Farsi:

<https://www.nilc.org/issues/immigration-enforcement/everyone-has-certain-basic-rights/>

## EMERGENCY PREPARATION

The US Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) is charged by the current administration to detain and deport large numbers of undocumented immigrants. Yet, as a church, we find that too many of those threatened with detention and deportation are good neighbors with families to support. The resources below are means to help reduce the number of families torn apart by such ICE actions and to work with others in seeking to keep families, especially children and youth, safe.

**Immigrant Safety Plan for Youth and Children**, a packet to help families who face potential detainment or deportation of parents with children (with or without status).

- **English** <https://www.nwirp.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/12/Immigration-Safety-Plan-for-Children-and-Youth.pdf>
- **Spanish** <https://static1.squarespace.com/static/533dcf7ce4b0f92a7a64292e/t/587f60deb3db2b428f6cd6f5/1484742893657/ImmigrationSafePlanforYouthandChildren+1-13-16+-+Español+FINAL.pdf>

- **Somali** [https://static1.squarespace.com/static/533dcf7ce4b0f92a7a64292e/t/589e21e017bffce58d071ea0/1486758384992/ImmigrationSafePlanforYouthandChildren+2-3-17+-+Somali\\_final.pdf](https://static1.squarespace.com/static/533dcf7ce4b0f92a7a64292e/t/589e21e017bffce58d071ea0/1486758384992/ImmigrationSafePlanforYouthandChildren+2-3-17+-+Somali_final.pdf)

**Find and meet with an immigration attorney.** If you or a loved one are at risk of detention by ICE, meet now with an immigration attorney and carry that attorney's phone number with you at all times if you are at risk of detention. Churches doing significant work with undocumented immigrants should also know an immigration attorney they can contact. Find an attorney:

<https://www.immigrationadvocates.org/nonprofit/legaldirectory/>

**Organizing a rapid response network.** An example of organizing a coordinated rapid response to ICE Raids by a network of people can be seen in The New Sanctuary Movement in Philadelphia, Sanctuary in the Streets:

<http://sanctuaryphiladelphia.org/1962-2/>

**Rapid Response Toolkit for Faith Communities and Allies:** How to organize, create networks, and roles that may be helpful in the moment of a raid by ICE:

[www.sanctuarynotdeportation.org](http://www.sanctuarynotdeportation.org)

**Build/Join Coalitions.** You cannot do this well alone, not as an individual person and not as a church. Look for a coalition or a network.

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/0B-adhEslpQtQRXJIMVVwbEF1a0k/view>

## Countering Discrimination against Muslims

Anti-Muslim Discrimination videos and wallet cards from the ACLU available in English, Arabic, Farsi, Bahasa, and Urdu <https://www.aclu.org/feature/know-your-rights-discrimination-against-immigrants-and-muslims?redirect=feature/know-your-rights-immigration#immigration>

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## LINKS FOR FURTHER INFORMATION

**Sanctuary Movement**  
<http://www.sanctuarynotdeportation.org>  
Immigration Raids Rapid Response: For Faith Allies Petition on Sanctuary

- Links to other Sanctuary Churches
- Vigil Resources
- Reports of specific cases
- Many resources for churches

**United Methodist Women: Global Migration and Immigration Rights**

A large number of materials and links to resource United Methodist Women (and others) in loving the immigrant and the refugee. United Methodist Women have often led the church in welcoming

refugees and immigrants as well as advocating for their rights. <http://www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/immigration>

**Church World Service: Protect, Welcome, Restore Hope**

Excellent materials, especially regarding refugees  
<https://greateras1.org/act/protect-welcome-and-restore-hope/>

**Interfaith Immigration Coalition**  
<http://www.interfaithimmigration.org/supportrefugees/>

**United We Dream**  
[www.unitedwedream.org](http://www.unitedwedream.org)  
Organization of young Dreamers and information on DACA

- Know Your Rights
- Raids response number
- Advocacy work for dreamers

**Justice for Our Neighbors**  
[www.njfon.org](http://www.njfon.org)  
United Methodists organizing legal support for immigrants

**National Immigration Law Center**  
<https://www.nilc.org/get-involved/community-education-resources/know-your-rights/othimmenf/>

**National Day Laborer Organizing Network**  
English: <http://www.ndlon.org/en/>  
Spanish: <http://www.ndlon.org/es/>

- Migrant Rights
- Great posters, videos, and other resources

**US Government information on immigration enforcement and churches (as well as other "sensitive" locations)**  
US Department of Homeland Security Immigration and Customs Enforcement

- FAQs regarding "sensitive locations" including churches

<https://www.ice.gov/ero/enforcement/sensitive-loc>