



Our “Here We Are. Send Us!” resource-sharing series was designed to equip congregations and individuals to stand with and for four groups who are especially at risk of being harmed by the new administration: immigrants, LGBTQ folks, women seeking reproductive health care, and the environment.

Part 1, on January 14, focused on responding to the threats of harm to the immigrant community. We shared the following resources during that meeting.

SCRIPTURE PASSAGES ABOUT IMMIGRANTS:

Leviticus 19:34 The alien who resides with you shall be to you as the citizen among you; you shall love the alien as yourself, for you were aliens in the land of Egypt: I am the Lord your God.

Matthew 25:35 I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me.

Hebrews 13:1-3 Let mutual love continue. Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it. Remember those who are in prison, as though you were in prison with them; those who are being tortured, as though you yourselves were being tortured.

Maine-based immigrant-led and immigrant-serving organizations:

Maine Immigrant Rights Coalition (MIRC): <https://maineimmigrantrights.org/>

Immigrant Legal Advocacy Project (ILAP): <https://ilapmaine.org/>

Maine Initiatives Immigrant-Led Organizations: <https://maineinitiatives.org/grantmaking/immigrant-led-organizations-fund>

Important resources to order or download:

Non-profit organizations and churches can order free bundles of 250 red cards from Immigrant Legal Resource Center: <https://www.ilrc.org/red-cards-tarjetas-rojas>

To order or print your own “know your rights” cards from Catholic Legal Immigration Network (CLINIC): <https://www.cliniclegal.org/resources/protecting-your-community/know-your-rights/know-your-rights-cards>

For “know your rights” flyers and videos from ILAP: <https://ilapmaine.org/know-your-rights>

ACLU provides comprehensive info about immigration rights with specific scenarios: <https://www.aclu.org/know-your-rights/immigrants-rights>

To download a free Rapid Response Toolkit from CLINIC: <https://www.cliniclegal.org/toolkits/rapid-response-toolkit>

Family Care Plan: <https://pcusa.org/about-pcusa/agencies-entities/interim-unified-agency/ministry-areas/immigration-issues/family-care-plan>

Programs and resources from MCC's seven member denominations:

EPISCOPAL:

Episcopal Migration Ministries: <https://episcopalmigrationministries.org/>

Episcopal Office of Government Relations: <https://www.episcopalchurch.org/ministries/office-government-relations/migration-refugees-immigration/>

The National Cathedral Sanctuary Ministry: <https://cathedral.org/congregation/ministries-outreach/sanctuary-ministry/#:~:text=The%20Washington%20National%20Cathedral%20Sanctuary,%2C%20deportation%2C%20and%20family%20separation.>

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (USA):

PCUSA Office of Immigration Issues: <https://pcusa.org/about-pcusa/agencies-entities/interim-unified-agency/ministry-areas/immigration-issues>

RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS (Quaker):

For the American Friends Service Committee Bystander Toolkit: <https://afsc.org/bystander-intervention-toolkit>

Check out the Friends Committee on National Legislation Immigration page: <https://www.fcnl.org/issues/just-immigration>

UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST ASSOCIATION:

Unitarian Universalist Association Immigrant Justice website page: <https://www.uua.org/immigration#:~:text=We%20are%20providing%20sanctuary%20to,have%20welcoming%20policies%20towards%20immigrants.>

Maine Unitarian Universalist State Advocacy Network: <https://www.muusan.org/>

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST:

The United Church of Christ resource page on immigration is packed with info, resources, and links: https://www.ucc.org/justice_immigration-2/

To reach Maine Conference Minister Rev. Dr. Marisa Laviola: mlaviola@maineucc.org

EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN AMERICA:

To read the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America's social message on immigration: <https://www.elca.org/faith/faith-and-society/social-messages/immigration>

Lutheran Office of Public Policy in California has a helpful resource page: <https://lutheranpublicpolicyca.org/immigration-migration-2>

To learn more about ELCA's AMMPARO project (Accompanying Migrant Minors with Protection, Advocacy, Representation and Opportunities): <https://www.elca.org/our-work/publicly-engaged-church/ampparo>

Global Refuge: <https://www.globalrefuge.org/>

New York Synod Sanctuary and AMMPARO Ministry: <https://www.mnys.org/our-work/sanctuaryampparo-ministry/>

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH:

New England Conference of the United Methodist Church immigration resource page: <https://www.neumc.org/sanctuary>

New England Justice for Our Neighbors: <https://newenglandjfon.org/>

To join the UMC Rapid Response Team working for immigrant and refugee justice, contact: <https://www.umcjustice.org/who-we-are/meet-the-staff/the-rev-kendal-mcbroom>

To read the UMC resolution on welcoming the migrant to the U.S.: <https://www.umc.org/en/content/book-of-resolutions-welcoming-the-migrant-to-the-us>