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What's Happening?

Three immigration courts reopen, despite Covid19 risks - AP

US border expulsion of migrant children continue, with few allowed to seek refuge under virus order - CBS News

Three more states share drivers license data for citizenship efforts - AP

Despite SC's ruling on DACA, Trump admin rejects new applicants - NPR

Judge delays deadline for release of migrant children held by ICE - NBC News

Gov't own experts oppose separating immigrant families - BuzzFeed

US plans to restrict Canada, Mexico border crossings until late August - Politico

Trump's planned order on 'dreamers' will not include amnesty, per White House - Reuters

US rescinds plan to strip visas from intl students in online classes - NY Times

900+ workers at private immigration detention cntrs test positive for Covid19 - AZ Central.com

Action One: Prayer

Jesus, friend and brother, You know what it is like to be hungry and thirsty. You know what it feels like to be a stranger who is made to feel unwelcome. You know the suffering of all who have lost everything. We pray that by showing our care for refugees, we may show love for our neighbor and be closer to you. Amen (CRS)

Action Two: Calls/Letters

NATIONAL LEVEL – The House is expected to vote on the NO Ban Act this week Reach out to your Rep and tell them to end the Trump admin's Muslim and African ban.

<https://actionnetwork.org/petitions/sign-if-you-agree-end-trumps-muslim-ban-and-guarantee-immigrants-equal-treatment-under-the-law?eType=EmailBlastContent&eld=0bcc3068-523f-4bb5-baa1-52e3a6a5a905>

NATIONAL LEVEL - Urge your Senators to prioritize the poor and vulnerable in the next Covid19 relief package. <https://www.votervoice.net/USCCB/campaigns/75712/respond>

NATIONAL LEVEL - Tell Congress: Covid 19 drugs must be affordable for all who need them.

https://actionnetwork.org/petitions/sign-now-demand-equal-access-to-an-affordable-covid-19-vaccine-2/?source=group-ara-main-e-activist-group&referrer=group-ara-main-e-activist-group&redirect=https://secure.actblue.com/donate/affordable-covid-19-treatment-for-all&link_id=1&refcodeEmailReferrer=email_859640&can_id=03b6cd570a93aeb040c5391b4bcd3e28&email_referrer=email_859640&email_subject=tell-congress-covid-19-drugs-must-be-affordable-for-all

NATIONAL LEVEL - Keep borders and pathways to asylum open. Refugees still need our support and help now more than ever. Sign the petition: https://www.dailykos.com/campaigns/forms/keep-borders-and-pathways-to-asylum-open?detail=emailaction&link_id=4&can_id=03b6cd570a93aeb040c5391b4bcd3e28&source=email-re-borders-must-stay-open-for-refugees&email_referrer=email_853723&email_subject=re-borders-must-stay-open-for-refugees

NATIONAL LEVEL - Sign petition: DACA is here to stay. Allow eligible youth to apply.

https://www.dailykos.com/campaigns/petitions/sign-the-petition-daca-is-here-to-stay-take-new-applications-from-eligible-youth?detail=emailaction&link_id=6&can_id=9c91c4ee3a39a576c5260775feb6a9bc&source=email-sign-the-petition-to-uscis-daca-is-here-to-stay-take-new-applications-from-eligible-youth&email_referrer=email_842360&email_subject=outrage-highest-court-in-the-land-protects-migrant-youth-trump-administration-defies-court

NATIONAL LEVEL - Let America Vote! Help to pass a universal vote-by-mail option and ensure that voting is safe, sanitary and secure.

https://sign.actiontaker.org/page/s/LAV-JA-Vote-by-Mail-q22020?source=NDRC-PAC&redirect_url=https://sign.actiontaker.org/VBM-Option-NDRC-PAC-AB

NATIONAL LEVEL - Calling interfaith voices to take action against the immigration ban. Tell the president you stand with immigrants.

<https://p2a.co/WEt1Y7m>

NATIONAL LEVEL - Sign the petition to the US Senate: We must have funding for Vote by Mail.

https://actionnetwork.org/letters/sign-and-send-the-petition-to-the-us-senate-we-must-have-funding-for-vote-by-mail?source=2020SenateFundVBMc3s_CHN&referrer=group-coalition-on-human-needs&redirect=https://secure.actblue.com/donate/senatemustactvoteybmail&link_id=1&refcodeEmailReferrer=email_835249&can_id=03b6cc570a93aeb040c5391b4bcd3e28&email_referrer=email_835249&email_subject=re-add-your-name-demand-the-senate-fund-voting-by-mail

NATIONAL LEVEL - Urge Congress to stop Trump's new immigration and family ban.

<https://greateras1.org/take-action-urge-congress-to-stop-trumps-new-immigration-family-ban/>

NATIONAL LEVEL - Contact your Senators requesting that they support the bipartisan DREAM Act of 2019 and encourage the Senate to introduce a companion bill to H.R.6, the American Dream and Promise Act.

<https://franciscanactionnetwork.salsalabs.org/ProtectDreamers/index.html?eType=EmailBlastContent&eld=27779837-39dc-41cb-b745-e96b9c9a96fb>

NATIONAL LEVEL - Franciscans call for "Civilian-izing" American police forces. Urge your MOC to work to return police depts to civilian modes.

<https://franciscanactionnetwork.salsalabs.org/Demilitarizethepolice/index.html?eType=EmailBlastContent&eld=5161274e-4b22-4133-bbbc-83e559e45c67>

Action Three: Education

Evangelical, Catholic leaders say Trump has left persecuted Christians in danger -

<https://religionnews.com/2020/07/10/evangelicals-catholic-leaders-say-trump-left-persecuted-christians-in-danger-world-relief-open-doors/>

Does Black Lives Matter apply to immigrants as well -

<https://www.usatoday.com/story/opinion/policing/2020/07/10/does-black-lives-matter-apply-immigrants-well/5414676002/>

Pew Research Study - Hispanics have accounted for more than half of the total US population growth since 2010 -

<https://www.pewresearch.org/fact-tank/2020/07/10/hispanics-have-accounted-for-more-than-half-of-total-u-s-population-growth-since-2010/>

How McKinsey Consulting helped the Trump admin detain and deport immigrants -

<https://www.propublica.org/article/how-mckinsey-helped-the-trump-administration-implement-its-immigration-policies?token=6ztk8omKweU8rlcm8bBIBXRv8xDBAzfX>

With family detention centers 'on fire', family separations are not the answer -

<https://www.newsweek.com/family-detention-centers-fire-separations-are-not-answer-opinion-1516757>

Fedl court orders Trump admin to comply with SC's DACA ruling, start accepting DACA applications -

<https://www.forbes.com/sites/alisdurkee/2020/07/17/federal-court-orders-trump-administration-to-comply-with-supreme-courts-daca-ruling-start-accepting-applications/#1c19660b6336>

Action Four: Action

ONGOING: BROADVIEW FRIDAY MORNING VIGILS: The ICDI Broadview Prayer Vigil is still happening but we are doing it weekly online. As is customary, First Fridays are interfaith and other weeks we pray the rosary. Anyone who wants to get the meeting access information can email hello@icdichicago.org with a request.

Action Five: Social Media – (@ USCIS) It's time to stop dragging your feet and start accepting initial DACA applications NOW! SCOTUS ruled and now it's time to follow the law. Or **(@ Rep)** (*House will vote this week*) Vote to end the NO BAN Act, which would end Trump's multiple travel bans.

Thank you for all your efforts!