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What's Happening?

Federal appeals court allows Trump admin to end humanitarian protections for 300,000 immigrants - CBS News

Judge rules acting head of Homeland Security appointment likely unlawful – CNN

ICE illegally arrested undocumented immigrant on church grounds - Wash Post

Trump Admin Formalizes 'Orwellian' Proposal Forcing Immigrants to Submit DNA, Eye Scans - Newsweek

8,800 migrant children expelled under pandemic border policy, court docs say - CBS News

More migrant women say they did not ok surgery while in detention - AP

Congress to investigate forced surgery claims at ICE detention facility in Georgia - AP

Action One: Prayer

Creator God, open our eyes so we can see you in the eyes of our immigrant brothers and sisters, eyes downcast for having lived so long in the shadows, eyes challenging us to join them in the streets or picket lines, eyes lifted looking for the Christ light in us. Compassionate God, who has come to dwell among us, open our ears to hear the cries of your children, children being separated from their parents, rounded up in raids, led to detention centers, silently giving up dreams. God of Justice, who crosses all boundaries, give us courage to resist, to say NO to unfair labor practices, to unjust laws. Give us the strength to stand with and for your inclusive love, faith to believe, another world is necessary and possible. Let it begin with us. (United Church of Christ)

Action Two: Calls/Letters

NATIONAL LEVEL - Protect families from Covid19 and family separation, shut down the Berks County Detention Center - https://actionnetwork.org/petitions/protect-families-from-covid19-shut-down-the-berks-county-detention-center?utm_source=Shut+Down+Berks+Mailing+List&utm_campaign=2541a75446

NATIONAL LEVEL - USPS Board of Governors - Remove Louis DeJoy as Postmaster Genl. <https://sign.moveon.org/petitions/board-of-governors-of-the-united-states-postal-service-remove-louis-dejoy>

NATIONAL LEVEL - Take Action now: Urge Congress to hold the admin accountable to resettling refugees - <https://greateras1.org/take-action-now-urge-congress-to-hold-the-administration-accountable-to-resettling-refugees/>

NATIONAL LEVEL - Protect refugees and build back the US resettlement program - <https://www.votervoices.net/JFI/campaigns/76982/respond>

NATIONAL LEVEL - Reach out to the Senate: Those who want to vote by mail must be able to. <https://actionnetwork.org/petitions/sign-the-petition-those-who-want-to-vote-by-mail-must-be-able-to?source=09092020swap-fan&referrer=group-franciscan-action-network&eType=EmailBlastContent&eld=c2f710a9-7f1c-4ff9-8832-40b7ede7aa0c>

NATIONAL LEVEL - Urge the Senate to extend the Census deadline.

https://www.dailykos.com/campaigns/petitions/sign-now-urge-the-senate-to-extend-the-census-deadline?detail=emailaction&link_id=0&can_id=03b6cd570a93aeb040c5391b4bcd3e28&source=email-sign-now-every-person-has-to-be-counted-2&email_referrer=email_901329&email_subject=add-your-name-put-pressure-on-the-senate-to-protect-the-census

NATIONAL LEVEL - Sign the petition: tell the Trump admin to welcome asylum seekers.

https://www.dailykos.com/campaigns/forms/sign-hias-petition-to-call-on-the-trump-administration-to-welcome-asylum-seekers?detail=emailaction&link_id=2&can_id=03b6cd570a93aeb040c5391b4bcd3e28&source=email-trump-administration-threatening-the-universal-right-to-asylum&email_referrer=email_908382&email_subject=sign-now-demand-the-trump-administration-welcome-asylum-seekers

NATIONAL LEVEL – Sign the petition to Mitch McConnell: Honor John Lewis’s legacy and bring the Voting Rights Advancement Act to a floor vote.

https://actionnetwork.org/petitions/sign-the-petition-to-mitch-mcconnell-honor-john-lewiss-legacy-and-bring-the-voting-rights-advancement-act-to-a-floor-vote?source=20200730_VRAA_Kos&redirect=https%3A%2F%2Fsecure.actblue.com%2Fdonate%2Fdkllvotingrights2020%3Frefcode%3D20200730DKLLSWVRAA&link_id=1&refcodeEmailReferrer=email_900066&can_id=03b6cd570a93aeb040c5391b4bcd3e28&email_referrer=email_900066&email_subject=re-sign-the-petition-demand-mitch-mcconnell-bring-the-voting-rights-advancement-act-to-a-floor-vote

NATIONAL LEVEL - Demand Trump admin fully restore the DACA program. DACA is critical for families.

https://www.dailykos.com/campaigns/petitions/daca-is-critical-program-for-families-we-need-to-defend-it?detail=emailaction&link_id=1&can_id=03b6cd570a93aeb040c5391b4bcd3e28&source=email-sign-on-protect-daca-2&email_referrer=email_888931&email_subject=add-your-name-make-daca-work

NATIONAL LEVEL - Urge the Senate to pass the Dream and Promise Act (HR 6) and reduce funding for ICE and CBP.

http://fpl.actionkit.com/sign/DACA-SCOTUS-response/?t=8&referring_akid=2223.48167.GScxWI

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 - Sign this petition to Congress to stop funding ICE detention centers now!

https://actionnetwork.org/petitions/sign-the-petition-to-congress-stop-funding-ice-detention-centers-immediately?source=2020DefundICEDetentionCenters_DKc3s&redirect=https%3A%2F%2Fsecure.actblue.com%2Fdonate%2Fdkllpromigrant2020%3Frefcode%3D2020DefundICE&link_id=0&refcodeEmailReferrer=email_876510&can_id=03b6cd570a93aeb040c5391b4bcd3e28&email_referrer=email_876510&email_subject=signatures-needed-no-more-taxpayer-dollars-to-detention-centers

Action Three: Education

Trump Admin Formalizes 'Orwellian' Proposal Forcing Immigrants to Submit DNA, Eye Scans -

<https://www.newsweek.com/trump-admin-orwellian-rule-immigrants-dna-eye-scans-1531271>

An extraordinary summer of overlapping crises for California’s farmworkers -

https://www.nationalgeographic.com/science/2020/09/extraordinary-summer-crises-california-farmworkers/?cmpid=org::ngp::mc::crm-email::src::ngp::cmp=editorial::add=Enviro_20200916&rid=B1ED32DB9AA5EC222C34C6225116F467

The US-Mexico immigration crisis, from south of the border -

<https://now.tufts.edu/articles/us-mexico-immigration-crisis-south-border>

Miami immigrants struggle to get by without Covid19 relief -

<https://www.miamiherald.com/news/article245547910.html>

I’m a Muslim and Arab American. Will I ever be an equal citizen?

<https://www.nytimes.com/2020/09/17/magazine/im-a-muslim-and-arab-american-will-i-ever-be-an-equal-citizen.html?action=click&module=Top%20Stories&pgtype=Homepage>

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: (@ Sen/Rep) No extra money for ICE and CBP in the upcoming funding bill. Their budgets are historically overfunded. These agencies use excessive force across the country against immigrants and has to stop. **Thank you for your efforts!**