



January 16 -21...Alert on Immigration

What's Happening?



There are a number of points that President Elect Trump has said that he would do to immigrant and policies. Some of them are terminate Obama's two executive orders, build a wall on the southern border, End catch-and release policy, end sanctuary cities, move criminal aliens out day one and five over points. We do not know how it will go after his inauguration this Friday. (adapted from CNN)

There have been rallies, marches and letters, calls and petitions to him to make a strong voice for immigrants and immigrant policies. Some of these actions you will find in this alert. We cannot let this actions happen to separate families.

Some facts about immigrants: Since 2010, 3.6 million immigrants have become naturalized US citizens. Unauthorized immigrants also pay a wide range of taxes. Estimates state that unauthorized migrants pay an estimated 11.64 billion dollars every year in state and local taxes. (From National Migration Week)

Action One: Prayer

For Lord Jesus, when you multiplied the loaves and fishes, you provided more than food for the body, you offered us the gift of yourself, the gift which satisfies every hunger and quenches every thirst! Your disciples were filled with fear and doubt, but you poured out your love and compassion on the migrant crowd, welcoming them as brothers and sisters.

Lord Jesus, today you call us to welcome the members of God's family who come to our land to escape oppression, poverty, persecution, violence, and war. Help us to welcome migrants and refugees with joy and generosity, while responding to their many needs. (Adapted from USCCB prayers)

Action Two: Calls/Letters

Action for DACA: Urge Your Senators to Cosponsor the BRIDGE Act! <http://p2a.co/gWEh2F2> Find out more about the BRIDGE Act here<<http://www.durbin.senate.gov/download/bridge-act-summary>>.

Send Postcards from Justice for Immigrants:

<https://capwiz.com/justiceforimmigrants/issues/alert/?alertid=14503781>

Please call your Senators and urge them to ask the nominees questions about the importance of refugee resettlement. You can say: "I'm your constituent from [STATE], and my community welcomes refugees. As you prepare for the upcoming confirmation hearings, please ask the nominee to affirm the importance of the U.S."

refugee resettlement program. Resettlement is a core American legacy that extends freedom and opportunity for refugees to rebuild their lives in safety and dignity.”

Send an Electronic Postcard in Support of Refugees:

[http://capwiz.com/justiceforimmigrants/issues/alert/?alertid=73598626&queueid=\[capwiz:queue_id\]](http://capwiz.com/justiceforimmigrants/issues/alert/?alertid=73598626&queueid=[capwiz:queue_id])

Action Three: Education

Cabinet Choices: http://www.nytimes.com/interactive/2016/us/politics/donald-trump-administration.html?_r=0

Clinic Training: Community ID Cards: A Powerful Integration Tool for All Community Members – Free Webinar on Jan. 26 2-2:30 p.m. ET

Webinar Series on Sanctuary and Solidarity

Wondering what your options might be in the face a heightened time of hostility, violence and deportation? This webinar will review a range of strategies appropriate for congregations of many sizes and political contexts. Content will include basics of offering physical sanctuary, and a range of supportive and policy advocacy options.

Sanctuary and Solidarity on Sunday, January 22, 2:30-3:45pm (CT)

Discernment in Becoming a Sanctuary Congregation, on Monday, January 30, 6:00-8:00 pm (CT)

The Nuts and Bolts of Becoming and Being a Sanctuary Congregation on Monday, February 27 6:00-8:00 pm (CT).

Trump can punish 'sanctuary cities' that protect undocumented immigrants

http://www.usatoday.com/story/news/nation/2017/01/10/donald-trump-sanctuary-cities-immigration-undocumented-immigrants/96204876/?utm_source=CLINIC+Mail&utm_campaign=78e329d1ff-CLINIC_Daily_1-11-17&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_a33179621a-78e329d1ff-279173657

Refugee Council USA 2017 Post-Election Toolkit - Visits with Local, State, and National Leaders to

Welcome Refugees <http://www.rcusa.org/blog/2017-post-election-rcusa-toolkit-visits-with-local-state-and-national-leaders-to-welcome-refugees>

Action Four: Actions/Events

Groundwell: <http://www.sanctuarynotdeportation.org/sanctuaryrising.html>

Asylee Eligibility for Assistance and Services <https://www.acf.hhs.gov/orr/resource/asylee-eligibility-for-assistance-and-services>

Week of Christian Unity: <http://www.usccb.org/beliefs-and-teachings/ecumenical-and-interreligious/events/week-of-prayer-for-christian-unity.cfm> Jan 18-25, 2017 [Reconciliation-The Love of Christ Compels Us](#)

Action Five: Social Media

Tweets: @SenatorDurbin @RepGutierrez: Thanks for your support and leadership re-introducing the #BridgeAct today in Congress! #withDACA #SaveDACA

We cannot fully understand the plight of the refugee until we all embrace the power of encounter #encountro #refugeeswelcome

Thank you for your efforts!