



Alert on Immigration May 6 - 12, 2019

What's Happening?

Trump tightens asylum rules, will make immigrants pay fees to seek humanitarian refuge - Wash Post

Prosecutors sue feds to stop courthouse immigration arrests - AP

Trump admin proposal would expand category of immigrants who use public benefits - NPR

Trump taps Mark Morgan, former Obama Border Patrol chief, to head ICE - LA Times

DHS to use DNA to confirm migrants' family status report - The Hill

Trump wants \$4.5 billion more in emergency funds for border assistance - LA Times

Guatemalan 16-year-old boy dies in US custody after crossing the border - LA Times

Booker, House Dems introduce most ambitious bill yet to curb immigration detention - Vox

Homeland Security used a private intelligence firm to monitor family separation protests - The Intercept.com

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, and 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. Amen. (adapted from United Church of Christ)

Action Two: Calls/Letters

NATIONAL LEVEL - Progressive Caucus members introduced Savanna's Act, a bill that aims to fight the prevalence of violence among Indigenous women. Sign on now to tell Congress to PASS Savanna's Act: https://go.weareprogressives.org/page/s/Pass-Savannas-Act?source=MS_EM_PET_2019.04.25_B2_Savannas-Act_X_F1_S1_C1_all

NATIONAL LEVEL - Take action: Submit a comment on secure voting systems. Guidelines for what's considered a secure voting system in the US are being written which may include online. Submit a unique comment urging the ban of wireless modems and Internet connectivity in voting systems. Send comments to: votingsystemguidelines@eac.gov.

NATIONAL LEVEL - Keep the path to citizenship open. Tell USCIS to reject the proposed changes to fee waiver eligibility.

https://advancingjustice.salsalabs.org/protectfeewaivers/index.html?eType=EmailBlastContent&eld=2f3d730d-4301-4987-9f79-c172046c706c&sl_tc=feewaiveremail

NATIONAL LEVEL - Close the Homestead Child Detention Center. Children should not be held in detention centers. Please sign the petition: <https://actionnetwork.org/petitions/sign-the-petition-close-the-homestead-child-detention-center?source=19HOMEM1&referrer=group-american-friends-service-committee>

NATIONAL LEVEL - Congress: #RepealTheBan and support the NO BAN Act.

https://act.mpowerchange.org/sign/repealtheban-nobanact/?source=rtb_fan&eType=EmailBlastContent&eld=1b2b4eff-52a6-4fac-bb56-43b7c6b84dc8

NATIONAL LEVEL - Congress introduced a bill that would repeal the Muslim ban, but also refugee and asylum bans and help prevent discriminatory bans in the future. Sign the petition telling Congress to pass No Ban Act now - https://action.aclu.org/petition/repeal-trumps-anti-immigrant-bans?ms_aff=NAT&initms_aff=NAT&ms=190410_immigrantrights_noban&initms=190410_immigrantrights_noban&ms_chan=eml&initms_chan=eml&af=BcNshjQS8xuSodn2Upme1NXUJqVtSOxYoo%2B5iEwVqOK4TQ7OEp7jAKHrNgRkOaQ%2By0kiFW5pnvMMjPLCEERBX6JPYjEaINBP35Z9qBQmyxG68%2FSbPMk8YhAPBIOZXiNRod2ui0mBC0hUOtMJvwZZlqCz6Ay0a86yTPU%2Fy3yqgMo%3D

Action Three: Education

The role of contact and values in public attitudes towards unauthorized immigrants -

<https://americanimmigrationcouncil.org/research/role-contact-and-values-public-attitudes-toward-unauthorized-immigrants>

A Trump loving town and its favorite undocumented immigrant

<http://nymag.com/intelligencer/2019/04/poplar-bluff-missouri-undocumented-immigrant.html>

One of the most backlogged immigration courts in America is in Arlington, Virginia -

<https://cliniclegal.us8.list-manage.com/track/click?u=d1e29c8d7ab34d84237ecd8ee&id=a113ad3e6d&e=00acac1a37>

Trump wants asylum seekers to pay application fee - https://www.bbc.com/news/world-us-canada-48103957?utm_source=CLINIC+Mail&utm_campaign=0bf55ac4ba-CLINIC_Daily_5-02-2019&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_a33179621a-0bf55ac4ba-284015825#

https://www.bbc.com/news/world-us-canada-48103957?utm_source=CLINIC+Mail&utm_campaign=0bf55ac4ba-CLINIC_Daily_5-02-2019&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_a33179621a-0bf55ac4ba-284015825#

How climate change is fueling the US border crisis -

<https://www.newyorker.com/news/dispatch/how-climate-change-is-fuelling-the-us-border-crisis?fbclid=IwAR2hrqV4MCg8HAuHtZdCdRggBwXVgg4woNPBirCJKNiH0382Tir125GxIAw>

Global wealth gap would be smaller today without climate change, study finds -

https://www.nytimes.com/2019/04/22/climate/climate-change-global-wealth-gap.html?fbclid=IwAR2oapESIOIzXZiM4MsdAnwuXqr08pX7GBPvHvFjoTLfstligF_k2cN-Wjw

Action Four: Action

ONGOING: BROADVIEW FRIDAY MORNING VIGILS: 7 AM, 1930 Beach St., Broadview, IL

First Fridays are Interfaith Services; other Fridays center on the Catholic Rosary

DIRECTIONS: from Loop, take I-290 west to south 25th Ave, then to exit 18A; turn right at Lexington and left at Beach Street.

Action Five: Social Media - @WhiteHouse As Christians, we should share the heart of Jesus for refugees. Applying for asylum is legal in the US and should be carried out for everyone who seeks to apply. Everyone should have the opportunity.

Thank you for your efforts!!