September 12… Alert on Immigration

What's Happening?

For a world on the move: The UN summit for Refugees and Migrants

The World is on the move, and the number of international migrants today is higher than ever before. In 2015, 244 million people lived in a country other than where they were born, including more than 20 million refugees and asylum-seeker escaping violence or persecution in their home countries. People have always moved in search of sustenance, safety and opportunity. By crossing borders and residing in other land, they have contributed to culture diversity, economic and social development, and mutual understanding amongst people and nations.

UN General Assembly kicks off 71st session

As the global community is witnessing an unprecedented level of human mobility, the issue of safety and dignity for refugees and migrants will take center stage at the UN general Assembly, as it kicks off its 71st Session. **VOICE from UN DESA**   Gathering leaders from around the world will commence next week on September 13th…. **See meetings at the UN**: http://webtv.un.org/meetings-events/   or http://webtv.un.org

Action One: Prayer

Prayer for Migrants, Refugees and Asylum Seekers: God, no one is stranger to you. And no one is ever far from your loving care. In your kindness watch over migrants, refugees and asylum seekers: those separated from their loved ones, those who are lost and those who have been exiled from their homes because of war and violence, poverty and climate change. Bring them safely to the place where they long to have safety, food and shelter. Help us always to show your kindness to strangers and those in need. We ask wisdom and understanding for our world leaders as they meet in New York these days.   We ask this through Christ our Lord, who too was a refugee and migrant who travelled to another land searching for a home. Amen

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Action Two: Calls/Letters

Sign Post Card to Pres. Obama to Raise Your Voice for Refugees: http://bit.ly/refugeepostcard

Stand with Syrians: https://secure2.oxfamamerica.org/page/speakout/withsyria

Send an Electronic Postcard in Support of Refugees:
http://capwiz.com/justiceforimmigrants/issues/alert/?alertid=73598626&queueid=[capwiz:queue_id]

House Vote on Education for All Act   The House of Representatives is scheduled to vote on the Education for All Act, bipartisan legislation which would build on current U.S. efforts to ensure equal access to quality education for children throughout the world, including those impacted by crisis and conflict. Urge your Representative to support access to education for refugees and the Education for All Act.
http://cqrcengage.com/jesuit/app/write-a-letter?3&engagementId=243253&lp=0

Sign Petition Urging US to Ensure Adequate Funding for Refugee Assistance: http://cqrcengage.com/jesuit/app/take-action?engagementId=238013&ep=AAAAC2Flc0NpcGhlcjAxACJzTsNu0wh5rrtgTyVvWfw7zQQhSFKljRPBtnGfOT7DQq2a1pZIMtCHv9PvsXdCwMZsuDH3q_jFa_p1Z48Pd-pHJjk3PRI-CgilQZ8Pj3E&lp=0

Sign Petition – All Refugee Children Deserve an Education: https://act.one.org/sign/education_refugees_us

Call for increased funding for resettlement programs: the following numbers to be connected to your Senator(s) and/or Representative. If you can, we suggest you call your Representative as well as both of your Senators!
1-866-940-2439 – House of Representatives
1-866-961-4293 – Senate

Once connected, you can use or adapt this script: "Hello, my name is _____ and I'm calling from [town name, state name] because I am a person of faith. Please tell the [Senator/Rep] that I support refugee resettlement and want to see the U.S. resettle more refugees. [Senator/Rep X] should support increased funding for both international refugee assistance and for refugee resettlement in the U.S. Thank you for your time!"

Put an End to Abusive Private Prisons: https://action.aclu.org/secure/ICE-private-prisons?emsrc=Nat_Appeal_AutologinEnabled&emissue=massincarcereation_immigrantrights&emtype=petition&ms=eml_160822_massincarcereation_immigrantrights_ICEprisons&__af=query_string_encrypted

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Tell DHS to Cut its Private Prison Contracts – Like the DOJ: https://action.mijente.net/petitions/tell-the-dept-of-homeland-security-to-cut-its-private-prison-contracts-too

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https://action.aclu.org/secure/stopCARprisons1?emsrc=Nat_Appeal_AutologinEnabled&emissue=massincarcereation_immigrantrights&emtype=petition&ms=eml_160817_massincarcereation_immigrantrights_CARprisonskicker&__af=query_string_encrypted

Tell the FCC: Families Shouldn't Have to Go into Debt to Communicate with their Incarcerated Loved Ones: http://act.demandprogress.org/sign/tell-fcc-reverse-call-rate-cap-hike-now/?source=demandprogress&t=1&akid=4388.2561280.HtximM

Action Three: Education

Lecture on immigration by Archbishop Gomez of Los Angeles on September 8th. It is at http://ow.ly/JL3d3044ai7

Forced From Home: https://www.eventbrite.com/e/online-event-what-we-see-stories-from-the-global-refugee-crisis-registration-27258048557?aff=ADG1609U1D07&utm_campaign=Email_FFH_2016.09.07_Webcast+Series+1&_cldee=anBpY3NzcHNAeWFob28uY29t&recipientid=contact-e84b08b97b43e41193ff0050568f4519-b37475ee023248afb8e10d5736c6f685&utm_source=ClickDimensions&source=ADG1609U1D07&utm_medium=email

The Mexican-US Border sees an increase in African immigrants http://www.krgv.com/story/33018240/african-immigrants-seek-refuge-at-valley-shelter?utm_source=CLINIC+Mail&utm_campaign=5b0d5aae04-CLINIC_Daily_9_7_16&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_a33179621a-5b0d5aae04-279173657

Texas Still Trying to Block Refugees From Entering State: http://www.houstonpress.com/news/texas-is-still-trying-to-block-refugees-from-entering-the-state-8676450

Action Four: Events/Resources
 See Where Your Senate Candidates Stand on Immigration: https://networklobby.org/election2016/sidebysides

Action Five: Social Media

Thank you for your efforts!