



## Week of November 7, 2016 ... Alert on Immigration

### What's Happening?

Election day is tomorrow. All over the country men and women have already voted, but there are many who will be voting tomorrow. It is important who wins the Presidency and the Vice Presidents, but it is also will have the majority in the House and the Senate. State and local level offices are also important for the country too. During the next days and weeks there will be a debriefing the results and planning the future. Whatever the results, we need to work together, "building bridges instead of walls" as Pope Francis said in one of his talks. In another one . h. Pope Francis told Catholic leaders that the "ability to see yourselves in the faces of others, this daily proximity to their share of troubles and their little acts of heroism: this is what enables you to practice the commandment of love, not on the basis of ideas or concepts, but rather on the basis of genuine interpersonal encounter."

### **Action One: Prayer**

**Creator of us all:** you are the source of every blessing, the judge of every nation and the hope of earth and heaven: We pray to you on the eve of this important and historic election. We call to mind the best that is within us: That we live under God, that we are indivisible, that liberty and justice extend to all. We acknowledge the sin that runs through our history as a nation: The displacement of native peoples, racial injustice, economic inequity, regional separation. And yet we profess a deep and abiding gratitude for the goodness of ordinary people who have made sacrifices, who have sought opportunities, who have journeyed to this land as immigrants strengthening its promise in successive generations, who have found freedom on these shores, and defended this freedom at tremendous cost. Be with us in the days that are near. Remind us that your ways are not our ways, that your power and might transcend the plans of every nation, that you are not mocked. Let those who follow your Son Jesus Christ be a peaceable people in the midst of division. Send your Spirit of peace, justice and freedom upon us, break down the walls of political partisanship, and make us one. Give us wisdom to walk in your ways, courage to speak in your name, and humility to trust in your providence. Amen. By Bishop Ken Carter, United Methodist

### **Action Two: Calls/Letters**

**Justice for Immigrants National Call:** Wednesday, November 16, 2016 @ 3 PM Eastern/Noon Pacific on National Migration Week 2017 – Dial 1-800-446-1162 and use code 106181.

**Justice for Immigrants:** Action Alert to the Department of Homeland Security:  
Ensure the well-being of Haitians affected by Hurricane Matthew

<http://www.capwiz.com/justiceforimmigrants/issues/alert/?alertid=74215626&type=ML>

**Student Access Bill:** 1. The IL veto session starts the week of November 14th. **Petition** to the Governor and the Legislature. Please sign and distribute to your listservs and social media sites, ideally, with a personal message/request from you before the link.

[https://www.google.com/url?hl=en&q=http://petitions.moveon.org/sign/support-the-student-access?source%3Dc.em%26r\\_by%3D16589236&source=gmail&ust=1477738158178000&usg=AFQjCNFK-usFmBoTgHoUzDd-gWubkEk7cA](https://www.google.com/url?hl=en&q=http://petitions.moveon.org/sign/support-the-student-access?source%3Dc.em%26r_by%3D16589236&source=gmail&ust=1477738158178000&usg=AFQjCNFK-usFmBoTgHoUzDd-gWubkEk7cA)

**Item 2:** Student Access Bill **rally on Nov. 11 2:30 PM, City Temple, 77 W. Washington St. Chicago**  
Please let Demien Kogan ([Dkogan@icirr.org](mailto:Dkogan@icirr.org)) know how many people you can bring to the rally by Monday, November 7.

**Item 3; Call-in days on Nov 9, 10, 11, and 14.** Action alerts with legislator's contact information and the script are available for groups of students and organization members to do phone banking to targeted legislators.

**Item 4; Travel to Springfield.** College students and supporters can go on **Nov. 15**, with the possibility of staying overnight to advocate for the bill on the 16<sup>th</sup>. For further details and if your organization wishes to assist with financial support, contact Martin Torres, [mtorres@latinpolicyforum.org](mailto:mtorres@latinpolicyforum.org)  
**(ILLINOIS COALITION FOR IMMIGRANT AND REFUGEE RIGHTS lobby day is Nov. 16** with a possible floor vote that day. Please email Demian Kogan if you are interested in going to Springfield on this day [dkogan@icirr.org](mailto:dkogan@icirr.org))

### Action Three: Education

Democracy for America: DFA Live Election Debrief Conference Call on Wednesday, November 9, 2016 at 8p.m. ET/ 5p.m PT. RSVP here: <http://act.democracyforamerica.com/sign/DFALiveNovember9/?t=2&refcode=g-KEDFALive1107.d-20161107.m-8624.s-27045&akid=8624.2628546.JwTo1> to register

Reports on Immigration: <https://www.nilc.org/news/special-reports/#sb1070>

Haitians and Haitian-Americans deserve the U.S.' help now, not later: Philly.com

[http://www.philly.com/philly/opinion/20161018\\_Inquirer\\_Editorial\\_U\\_S\\_shouldn\\_t\\_wait\\_until\\_the\\_next\\_disaster\\_to\\_do\\_more\\_for\\_Haiti.html?utm\\_source=CLINIC+Mail&utm\\_campaign=ec52115232-CLINIC\\_Daily\\_11-07-16&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_term=0\\_a33179621a-ec52115232-279173657](http://www.philly.com/philly/opinion/20161018_Inquirer_Editorial_U_S_shouldn_t_wait_until_the_next_disaster_to_do_more_for_Haiti.html?utm_source=CLINIC+Mail&utm_campaign=ec52115232-CLINIC_Daily_11-07-16&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_a33179621a-ec52115232-279173657)

### Action Four: Events

**CRLN Annual Luncheon:** Wednesday, November 9, 2016 12:00p.m. - 2:00 p.m. at Old St. Patrick's Church Hall – 700 W. Adams St. Chicago, IL 60661 with special guests Reyna Wences and Berenice Alonzo from Organized Communities Against Deportation -- Buy Tickets in 20 hours: Order tickets online at <http://bit.ly/CRLN1109> or by contacting Sharon Hunter-Smith at 773-293-2964, or by email at [shunter-smith@crln.org](mailto:shunter-smith@crln.org).

### Action Five: Social Media

**November 18-December 18 -- International Migrants Day** on Migrants Rights. See the attachment and [www.talkmigrants.org](http://www.talkmigrants.org)

Facebook: End Immigration Detention of Children Twitter: @childdetention #Migrant Rights Campaign

**Thank you for your efforts!**