



Refugee & Immigration Resources

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Seeking to be a source of trusted information/resources for local congregations, Regions, and ministry partners, [Justice & Advocacy Ministries](#) offers the following curated list of toolkits, articles, and action items about refugee and immigration ministries.

In the News: Updates on Important Stories

Viral Warnings of Planned ICE Raids on Churches have Pastors Worried

Reporting from the [Religion News Service](#) shares that viral reports and online rumors about potential ICE raids on churches have faith leaders worried about their congregations. The Dept of Homeland Security says it does not have plans to raid churches — but will not rule it out.

After the Blitz: What Our Chicago Neighbors are Facing in ICE Detention

This report from the [National Immigrant Justice Center](#) provides a snapshot of where people have been taken and the conditions they are facing after being abducted by ICE agents during recent raids in Chicago. Through exhaustive research and first person testimonials it chronicles inhumane detention conditions and due process violations and then concludes with a call to action to defend our neighbors.



US Immigration Courts at a Crisis Point

The [Migration Policy Institute](#) recorded a webinar discussing their latest policy brief, [“Breaking the Cycle of Dysfunction at the US Immigration Courts”](#) that offers evidence-based analysis, deep dialogue, and pragmatic policy solutions that could transform the process.

Faith Voices: Theological Reflections on Current Events

Clergy are Essential to Resistance Against ICE, Chicago Pastor Says

From our friends at [Baptist News Global](#): “The visibility and voice of clergy are indispensable to the protest movement forming against President Donald Trump’s aggressive immigration tactics,” said Rev. Dr. Michael Woolf, a Chicago pastor recently arrested outside a federal detention center.

The Love Your Neighbor Prayer Book

Beautifully written and illustrated by Sergio Cortes, this downloadable PDF prayer book contains seven daily prayers with specific words for immigrants and for allies. This prayer book was created, “In recognition that the present situation is darker for the immigrant community in ways we haven’t seen before. Real harm is being done. We can no longer turn a blind eye.”

Visitation Ministry Offers Compassion to those Impacted by Immigration Detention

Our friends at [Presbyterian Disaster Assistance](#) recently highlighted the migration ministry [El Refugio](#) in Georgia. The ministry combats the isolation and dehumanization of immigration detention by providing hospitality, visitation, support, and advocacy.

Faith in Action: Toolkits and Advocacy Guides

WoC & Obra Hispana: [Operation Cacti: Compassion Care Project](#)

A partnership of [Obra Hispana](#) and [Week of Compassion](#), Operation Cacti is an educational and biblical resource designed for families, pastors, and churches being directly affected by the current immigration policies and for those who seek to be in solidarity with them.

CWS: [Take Action to Stop Collective Punishment of Refugees and Asylum Seekers](#)

Use this tool from [Church World Service](#) to easily reach out to your members of US Congress and urge them to oppose the dehumanizing, xenophobic policies of the administration that target individuals only because of the country they were born.

RCUSA Talking Points: [Rapid Response Messaging to the USCIS Memo Ordering the Review and Re-Interview of All Biden-Era Refugee Arrivals](#)

In response to the recent US Citizenship and Immigration Services [memo that ordered a “review and re-interview”](#) of all refugees who entered via the US Refugee Admissions Program during the Biden administration, [Refugee Council USA](#) created this rapid response guide.

Congregational Toolkit: [Supporting Immigrants and Welcoming Strangers](#)

The [North Carolina Council of Churches](#) designed this toolkit to equip faith leaders and congregations with practical resources to respond to the current immigration enforcement landscape. It provides talking points, worship materials, a congregational litany, Scripture references, and actionable steps your community can take to support immigrant neighbors.

In the Know: Explainer Articles from Trusted Partners

GlobalRefuge.org: [Understanding the Expansion of the Sweeping Travel Ban](#)

[Global Refuge](#) strongly condemns the Trump administration’s decision to dramatically expand its travel ban, escalating a policy first announced in June that already restricted entry for nationals from 19 countries. The new proclamation broadens those restrictions to 39 countries worldwide, further limiting lawful travel and migration through a sweeping mix of full and partial entry bans.

RefugeeRights.org: [Explainer on New Trump Admin Policies Impacting Refugees, Asylum Seekers, Afghan Nationals, and Immigrants from Travel Ban Countries](#)

This downloadable resource from the [International Refugee Assistance Project](#) lists each of the policies from the Trump Administration and answers questions about their general impact.

Additional Resources from Disciples Home Missions and our Partners

Sign-up for [Disciples Advocate to connect, share, and stay informed](#) on justice issues.

Sign-up for [Church World Service’s Daily “State of Play” Email Updates](#) to stay informed.

Download the Advocacy App [5 Calls: Connect with Your US Congressional Representatives](#).

DHM & WoC Video: [A Conversation on Refugee & Immigration Issues](#)

Disciples Immigration Legal Counsel Video: [What Your Church Should Know](#)

Discover the [Full List of Refugee & Immigration Resources @ DHM’s Website](#)

DJAN & DC4PW Resource: [Narrative, Memory, and Resistance](#)

Know Your Rights: [In Your Home](#), on [Judicial vs. Administrative Warrants](#), and with [ICE Protocols and Policies for Churches](#)



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