



October 9 - 15, 2018 Alert on Immigration

What's Happening?

White House Makes Hard-Line Demands for Any 'Dreamers' Deal – by Michael Shear/NY Times

Muslim advocates and legal center file travel ban lawsuits - Associated Press

US immigration arrests rise — and neighbors sign up to witness ICE operations - by Monica Hill/PRI's the World

Once Undocumented, Now in Congress - by Alex Thompson/Vice News

***October 7 - 13: Week of Prayer and Action - Share the Journey campaign**

Action One: Prayer

Loving Father, in your infinite compassion, we seek your divine protection for refugee children who are often alone and afraid. Provide solace to those who have been witnesses to violence and destruction, who have lost parents, family, friends, home, and all they cherish due to war or persecution. Comfort them in their sorrow, and bring help in their time of need. Show mercy to unaccompanied migrant children, too, Lord. Reunite them with their families and loved ones. Guide those children who are strangers in a foreign land to a place of peace and safety. Comfort them in their sorrow, and bring help in their time of need. Show us how we might reach out to these precious and vulnerable children. Open our hearts to migrant and refugee children in need, so that we might see in them your own migrant Son. Give us courage to stand up in their defense against those who would do them harm. For this we pray through our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen (Justice for Immigrants)

Action Two: Calls/Letters

NATIONAL LEVEL - Put pressure on your Members of Congress to demand an emergency relief package for Puerto Rico and the US Virgin Islands. CALL YOUR REPRESENTATIVES & SENATORS TODAY: [1-866-961-4293](tel:1-866-961-4293).

NATIONAL LEVEL - Stop Trump from Dismantling Refugee Resettlement A Refugee Admissions Goal of Less than 75,000 Is Inexcusable. CALL YOUR REPRESENTATIVES & SENATORS TODAY: [1-866-961-4293](tel:1-866-961-4293). Tell them that any number less than 75,000 is unacceptable.

NATIONAL LEVEL - TAKE ACTION: Ask your representative to stand up for human rights by co-sponsoring the Dignity for Detained Immigrants Act and denying funding for immigration detention! Call and tell them at [202-224-3121](tel:202-224-3121).

NATIONAL LEVEL - Tell Homeland Security: Stop spying on immigrants' social media accounts - <http://act.demandprogress.org/letter/tell-homeland-security-not-spy-immigrants-social-media-profiles-letter/&source=demandprogress?t=1&akid=9929%2E2561280%2Er1ZINS>

NATIONAL LEVEL - Share The Journey - Right now, the Administration is considering how many people will find refuge from persecution in the United States for 2018. Please contact the Administration and Congress today and let them know that as a person of faith, you care about refugees. https://support.crs.org/act/share-journey?utm_source=CCGP-email&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=migration-email

NATIONAL LEVEL - The #NoMuslimBanEver campaign - grassroots awareness and mobilization effort happening now and up to and on October 10, 2017, when Supreme Court will hear legal challenges to the Muslim and refugee bans. Go to www.nomuslimbanever.com and join us in saying #NoMuslimBanEver!

NATIONAL LEVEL - Ask the International Monetary Fund and other creditors to suspend debt payment to countries severely impacted by IRMA. Tell Congress to continue to implement grants to US Virgin Islands and Puerto Rico.

http://www.jubileeusa.org/irma_relief?utm_campaign=me_irmasign2&utm_medium=email&utm_source=jubileeusa

NATIONAL LEVEL - NAFTA is up for renegotiation. Help end a dangerous clause buried inside NAFTA. Investor State Dispute Settlement (ISDS), allows corporate executives to dispute a country's laws. Take action.

<https://actions.sumofus.org/a/no-isds-no-way/?akid=34571.764408.ygfN0D&rd=1&source=fwd&t=1>

HB 2394: STATE LEVEL ----HIGHER ED-IN-STATE STUDENT AID. CALL TO HAVE STUDENTS HAVE ACCESS TO EDUCATION BILL: Please help push the STUDENT ACCESS TO EDUCATION BILL to a vote by calling your Rep and those below. HB2394 would give public universities power to grant economic aid to students regardless of immigration status. Please provide 4 yr public universities with legal authority to provide financial aid to undocumented students who qualify for in-state tuition. Call Reps: Dan Brady 217/782-1118; Norine Hammond 217/782-0416; Christine Winger 217/782-4014; Sara Jimenez 217/782-0040; Natalie Manning 217/782-2316; Dave Severin 217/781-1051; Rita Mayfield 217/558-1012; David Olsen 217/558-6587; Jim Durkin 217/558-0494

Action Three: Education

Interfaith Toolkit to Defend Temporary Protected Status (TPS) - click here for the toolkit -

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1jVCgV9kqnn1jV3KsJUbcIQHSIVMD7j0vJKZ8KZGnENQ/edit>

Pope Wears Refugee ID Bracelet in Appeal for Help for Migrants -

<https://www.nytimes.com/reuters/2017/10/01/world/europe/01reuters-pope-visit-bologna.html>

Presidential determination on refugees paints a disturbing picture - <http://thehill.com/blogs/congress-blog/politics/352875-presidential-determination-on-refugees-paints-a-disturbing>

Why is Another Category of Legally Present Immigrants Being Threatened with Loss of Status and Deportation? - http://www.huffingtonpost.com/entry/why-is-another-category-of-legally-present-immigrants_us_59d1636be4b0f3c468060fd3

As wall prototypes go up, DHS report says sneaking across southwest border now harder than 'ever before' - http://www.sandiegouniontribune.com/news/border-baja-california/sd-me-border-report-20171002-story.html?utm_source=CLINIC+Mail&utm_campaign=c1e9532b46-CLINIC_Daily_10-5-17&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_a33179621a-c1e9532b46-284015825

'An amazing moment': Judge tells Cisneros she is 'free to go' -

http://www.greensboro.com/news/local_news/deportation-order-vacated-in-cisneros-case/article_b2e4ef6f-6500-53ac-ae3e-b784c4dcd490.html

Action Four: Action

OCT. 2-23: ETHS LATINO ART EXHIBIT: featuring Chicano artist Robert Valdez; in the Evanston Township High School main lobby, 1600 Dodge, Evanston, IL. Sponsored by Latino Liaison and Latino Advisory Groups; proceeds to benefit honor roll Latino student with 4.0 avg and free lunch program.

Action Five: Social Media -- [@WhiteHouse](https://twitter.com/WhiteHouse) #-Do the right thing and increase US refugee admissions.