



Week of October 10, 2016... Alert on Immigration

What's Happening?

More than 275,000 people face intensified daily bombardment in eastern Aleppo. As many as 100,000 of the people trapped in the rebel controlled area are children. They are facing a humanitarian catastrophe. The near-continuous siege since mid-July has been compared to infamous massacres in Srebrenica and Rwanda.”

“The indiscriminate brutality witnessed in Aleppo must end. The people of Aleppo need an immediate ceasefire,” said Caritas Internationalis Secretary-General Michel Roy. Health is the priority. Hospitals and clinics are in critical need of assistance. They are struggling to cope with insufficient supplies, staff or space to treat the injured. There is also an acute lack of food in the besieged area. From ZENIT

Action One: Prayer

Oh God of Creation, as citizens of a nation possessing and exerting tremendous power and influence -- both in the human community, and on the planet You so lovingly created -- help us to remember that our individual votes have tremendous consequences.

Help us to remember that we are casting our vote not only for ourselves, but for the billions of other beings in the world whose lives will be directly affected by our nation's election results. May we be keenly mindful that the decisions made by the leaders we elect will affect so many..... Adapted from Pax Christi USA

Action Two: Calls/Letters

Justice for Immigrants National Call: Wednesday, October 19, 2016 @ 1 p.m. C; 2 p.m. E and 11 a.m. P
Call-in information Dial 1-800-446-1162 and use conference code 106181.

Ask about Voters Rights: <https://actionnetwork.org/petitions/debate-moderators-ask-about-voting-rights?source=signon&>

End Private Prisons: <http://cqcengage.com/oneamericavotes/app/onestep-write-a-letter?2&engagementId=248933>

New Citizens Deserve to Vote: <http://reformimmigrationforamerica.org/campaigns/new-citizens-deserve-vote/> Just weeks before the crucial 2016 elections, more than 534,000 new citizen voters may miss the chance to vote due to a government backlog.

Tell President Obama: Protect refugees fleeing violence in Central America

https://act.credoaction.com/sign/Obama_Refugees?t=2&akid=19723.2678758.Gxdn3j

URGENT ACTION! Tell Your Mayor to Support Refugee Resettlement Funding

<http://www.interfaithimmigration.org/mayorsignon/> Sign on: Please email confirmation with the signed letter to Meredith Owen at mowen@cwsglobal.org.

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>

Action Three: Education

IIC WEBINAR: <https://recordings.join.me/KS4JQcJK9UKxRGmotQzHVQ> Recording of Faithfully engaged in the 2016 Election by promoting and protecting voting, talking with communities about voting, and engaging with candidates on immigration reform.

Why we must abolish a 1996 law that has destroyed thousands of families (VIDEO)

<https://www.immigrantjustice.org/staff/blog/why-we-must-abolish-1996-law-has-destroyed-thousands-families-video>

OCT 7-10: SOA Watch Convergence at the Border: featuring protests and workshops, that are taking place at the Eloy Detention Center, in Tucson, and in Nogales, Arizona/ Sonora at the border wall.

See: <http://SOAW.org/border>

Shutting Down the Profiteers: Why and How the Department of Homeland Security Should Stop Using Private Prisons <https://www.aclu.org/report/shutting-down-profiteers-why-and-how-department-homeland-security-should-stop-using-private>

Action Four: Events/Resources on the Election

Candidate Information -- See: Vote Smart: www.votesmart.org *Vote Smart's mission is to provide free, factual, unbiased information on candidates and elected officials to ALL Americans*

Evaluating Judges: www.voteforjudges.org www.chicagobar.org

Election Help – Early Voting: Select the jurisdiction for which you would like early voting locations. <https://www.elections.il.gov/VotingInformation/EarlyVotingLocations.aspx>

Action Five: Respect the Other

In a time when we hear many words of disrespect for others who are different from us, let us be more mindful of being and speaking respectful.

Action Four: Social Media

Share on Facebook: President Obama, lead by example and protect, don't deport, Central American refugees and migrants fleeing violence, corruption, and poverty. #ProtectDontDeport #US4RefugeesMigrants

Suggested Tweets: * I stand w/ children & families fleeing Central America violence & corruption #ProtectDontDeport #US4RefugeesMigrants
* @POTUS support asylum & protection NOT more border militarization in Mexico #ProtectDontDeport #US4RefugeesMigrants

Thank you for your efforts!