



Week of October 3, 2016... Alert on Immigration

What's Happening?

This is the first time that the SOA Watch will be at the border. They will take a stand for justice, and they are going to change the culture of militarism, as they demand a fundamental change in US policies that goes beyond elections. These are the points of the **convergence on the U.S Mexico Border from October 7-10:**

- An end to the destructive U.S. military, economic, and political interventions in the Americas.
- De-militarization of the borders. We need to build bridges with our neighbors, not walls.
- The dismantling of the racist and sexist systems that steal from, criminalize, and kill migrants, refugees, natives, gender non-conforming people, communities of color, and others throughout the hemisphere.
- Respect, dignity, justice and self-determination for all communities, especially the poor and most vulnerable
- No more profits over people! Private military, prison, oil, mining, and other corporations should not determine our future or that of the earth, the people should. See more: <http://www.soaw.org/border/> (from SOA Watch)

Action One: Prayer

Let us wrap these men, women and children in prayers:

- Those who will be attending the Convergence on the U.S. Mexico Border this weekend
- The unaccompanied children who come through the border
- The border guards
- The U.S. candidates will be aware of immigration and be able to work out a positive way to deal with immigration reform.

Action Two: Calls/Letters

ACT NOW: PROTECT THE US REFUGEE PROGRAM:

https://secure2.oxfamamerica.org/page/s/act-now-protect-the-us-refugee-program?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=fy17_refugees&utm_source=fy17_oa_refugee_eaction_e1&hpc=500&firstname=&lastname=Holy%20Spirit%20Missionary%20Sisters&email=jpicssps@yahoo.com&source=fy17_oa_refugee_eaction_e1

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. Leon Rodriguez, head of USCIS must take action to ensure that half a million immigrants are able to vote!

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 President Obama: Protect refugees fleeing violence in Central America

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

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: Wednesday, October 5th at 3pm CST - Faithfully Engaged in the 2016 Election

Register at <http://join.me/faith4immigration>

On October 12, 2016, at 9pm EST/6pm PDT, we are hosting [a national house party series](#) for free screenings of the film and a post-film #KnowYourBorder Twitter discussion around the issues. House parties will be independently organized by people in their homes, organizations, and institutions. Details on the event's logistics can be found on our Facebook event page: <https://www.facebook.com/events/389463621178048/> If you would like to host an event, please sign up via the [Facebook link](#) -- and also let JD Carter (jd@linasrivastava.com) know so he can guide you.

Free Online Course on Human Trafficking starts on Oct. 17: Ending Slavery: Strategies for

Contemporary Global Abolition [https://www.walkfree.org/modern-slavery-online-course/?utm_source=Listrak&utm_medium=email&utm_term=https%3a%2f%2fwww.walkfree.org%2fmodern-slavery-online-course%2f&utm_campaign=MOOC&utm_content=MOOC Custom Launch EN FullList 01Oct16](https://www.walkfree.org/modern-slavery-online-course/?utm_source=Listrak&utm_medium=email&utm_term=https%3a%2f%2fwww.walkfree.org%2fmodern-slavery-online-course%2f&utm_campaign=MOOC&utm_content=MOOC_Custom_Launch_EN_FullList_01Oct16)

Action Four: Events/Resources on the Election

Election Help – Early Voting: Select the jurisdiction for which you would like early voting locations.

<https://www.elections.il.gov/VotingInformation/EarlyVotingLocations.aspx>

Registration to Vote: <https://register.rockthevote.com/registrants/new?partner=7633&source=embed-rtv300x100v1>

States with registration to vote online:

<http://www.rockthevote.com/voter-registration/online-application-system/online.html>

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!