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What's Happening?

ICE announces 128 immigration arrests in CA sanctuary cities, part of wider pre-election operation - Wash Post

Border Patrol raids No More Deaths camp near Arivaca for 2nd time in 3 mos. - AZ Central.com

Fed'l appeals court blocks further construction on border wall, rules it illegal - SF Chronicle

Trump admin turns to immigration issues as election nears - AP

Draft report says Justice Dept drove family separation - NY Times

Medical situation still inadequate at GA detention facility, says immigrant women - BuzzFeed

Trump admin to sharply limit skilled worker visas - AP

Veterans work to help Iraqis who worked for US military obtain visas - Rolling Stone

Pence ordered borders closed after CDC experts refused - Minn Star Tribune

Amy Coney Barrett would likely uphold Trump immigration policies - AZ Central.com

Unable to deport Cubans, ICE keeps many indefinitely jailed - Newsy

Action One: Prayer

Dear God, be with those who encounter the many people who have traveled far from their homes, leaving almost everything behind. Bring humanitarian workers, advocates, law enforcement officers and so many others empathy and compassion in their service. Help them to follow your commandment to love their neighbors as themselves. May they and each of us place ourselves in the footsteps of refugees and immigrants. Make each of your people signs of your love. Bless those who encounter in their daily work global family members seeking better lives away from the ravages of war and famine and economic inequity. Guide these workers and all of us to best love our neighbors as ourselves. Amen. (Adapted from a prayer by Kathy McGourty, 2011)

Action Two: Calls/Letters

NATIONAL LEVEL - Demand US hotel chains stop fueling ICE's deportation machine.

https://www.dailykos.com/campaigns/petitions/sign-the-petition-demand-that-us-hotel-chains-stop-fueling-ices-deportation-machine?detail=emailactionLL&link_id=2&can_id=03b6cd570a93aeb040c5391b4bcd3e28&source=email-sign-the-petition-demand-that-us-hotel-chains-stop-fueling-ices-deportation-machine-2&email_referrer=email_948715&email_subject=sign-if-you-agree-hotel-chains-must-end-any-contracts-or-subcontracts-with-ice

***NATIONAL LEVEL -Protect the Natl Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). Sign the petition:**

https://www.dailykos.com/campaigns/petitions/sign-now-dont-let-trump-destroy-nepa?detail=emailaction&link_id=3&can_id=03b6cd570a93aeb040c5391b4bcd3e28&source=email-petition-trump-has-dismantled-the-national-environmental-policy-act-we-all-need-to-speak-out-now-sign-before-midnight-2&email_referrer=email_951179&email_subject=petition-trump-has-dismantled-the-national-environmental-policy-act-we-all-need-to-speak-out-now-sign-before-midnight

NATIONAL LEVEL - Urge Congress to welcome more refugees in FY2021.

https://www.voterveice.net/LIRS/campaigns/77559/respond?mc_cid=afc10a1589&mc_eid=00799a9069

NATIONAL LEVEL - Tell DHS to restore the right to asylum.

<https://jesuitmigrantsolidarity.org/restore-right-to-asylum/>

NATIONAL LEVEL - Urge Congressional Republicans to push for refugee resettlement

increases. https://actionnetwork.org/petitions/add-your-name-urge-congressional-republicans-to-push-for-refugee-resettlement-increases?source=20200921_Refugees_Kos&redirect=https%3A%2F%2Fsecure.actblue.com%2Fdonate%2Fdllpromigrant2020%3Frefcode%3D20200921DKLLSWRefugees&link_id=4&refcodeEmailReferrer=email_933157&can_id=03b6cd570a93aeb040c5391b4bcd3e28&email_referrer=email_933157&email_subject=re-trumps-refugee-ban

NATIONAL LEVEL - Tell Senate to pass a meaningful Covid19 relief package.

https://actionnetwork.org/letters/tell-the-senate-pass-a-meaningful-covid-19-relief-package/?link_id=1&can_id=03b6cd570a93aeb040c5391b4bcd3e28&source=email-add-your-name-the-senate-must-pass-covid-19-relief-2&email_referrer=email_945401_cohort_6325&email_subject=re-add-your-name-the-senate-must-pass-covid-19-relief

NATIONAL LEVEL - Take Action now: Urge Congress to hold the admin accountable to resettling refugees -

<https://greateras1.org/take-action-now-urge-congress-to-hold-the-administration-accountable-to-resettling-refugees/>

NATIONAL LEVEL - Tell the Senate to protect migrants and refugees in a Covid19 relief pkg.

<https://sistersagainsttrafficking.salsalabs.org/WorldRefugeeDay2020/index.html?eType=EmailBlastContent&eld=24106526-ce35-4684-8bd3-fe2784bfb82>

NATIONAL LEVEL - Protect refugees and build back the US resettlement program -

<https://www.voterveice.net/JFI/campaigns/76982/respond>

NATIONAL LEVEL - Sign the petition: tell the Trump admin to welcome asylum seekers.

https://www.dailykos.com/campaigns/forms/sign-hias-petition-to-call-on-the-trump-administration-to-welcome-asylum-seekers?detail=emailaction&link_id=2&can_id=03b6cd570a93aeb040c5391b4bcd3e28&source=email-trump-administration-threatening-the-universal-right-to-asylum&email_referrer=email_908382&email_subject=sign-now-demand-the-trump-administration-welcome-asylum-seekers

Action Three: Education

Lawsuit alleges USCIS has acted in bad faith against H-1B spouses -

<https://www.forbes.com/sites/stuartanderson/2020/10/06/lawsuit-alleges-uscis-has-acted-in-bad-faith-against-h-1b-spouses/#3ba793bc3724>

Illinois law provides health coverage to undocumented seniors - <https://www.chicagotribune.com/news/ct-health-coverage-low-income-immigrant-seniors-illinois-20201005-7llqixynrc7ropg6aqt7xjnvq-story.html>

Scholars trace violent history of immigration policy at 'Border Inhumanities' panel -

<https://www.thecrimson.com/article/2020/10/6/border-inhumanities-panel/>

Draft report says Justice Depart drove family separation - <https://www.nytimes.com/2020/10/06/us/politics/family-separation-border-immigration-jeff-sessions-rod-rosenstein.html>

Border Patrol agents raid faith based immigrant aid camp for second time in two months -

<https://religionnews.com/2020/10/07/border-patrol-agents-raid-faith-based-immigrant-aid-camp-for-second-time-in-two-months/>

Action Four: Action

ONGOING: BROADVIEW FRIDAY MORNING VIGILS: The ICDI Broadview Prayer Vigil is still happening but we are doing it weekly online. As is customary, First Fridays are interfaith and other weeks we pray the rosary. Anyone who wants to get the meeting access information can email hello@icdichicago.org with a request.

Action Five: Social Media: (@ Sen/Rep) Migrants are not a threat. People of faith welcome migrants. We call on the Congress and the Trump administration to reflect the best of our American values by welcoming them.

Thank you for your efforts!