



July 15 - 21, 2019

What's Happening?

US opening 2500 bed migrant facility in Tornillo, TX, site of former child shelter - Wash Post

Trump to end asylum protections for most Central American migrants at US-Mexico border - The Hill

BP agents passing around commemorative coin mocking care for migrant kids - ProPublica

Threatened ICE raids create more political noise than police action - LA Times

New holding center for migrant children opens in Texas - NY Times

Migrants kids in overcrowded AZ border station allege sex assault, retaliation from US agents - NBC News

CA approves law giving health benefits to undocumented adults - NPR

US begins returning asylum seekers to one of Mexico's most dangerous states - Wash Post

Border arrests drop sharply in June - Politico

ICE uses facial recognition to sift state driver's license records - NPR

"Kids in cages"; House hearing examines immigration detention - Wash Post

SunTrust is latest bank to halt financing of private prisons - Bloomberg

Tijuana asylum line reaches highest count as migrant protest waits - SanDiego Union Tribune

Action One: Prayer

Spirit of life, immigrant adults and children have traveled far from home with faith, hope and courage. Many have had terrifying and abusive experiences. We ask that they be comforted and blessed with healing and wholeness. May all levels of government, faith communities and organizations work with a spirit of compassion and cooperation so that they may receive the best care possible. Allow resources to be released through generous donations for their food, shelter, healthcare and personal needs. Amen. (Interfaith Committee for Detained Immigrants)

Action Two: Calls/Letters

NATIONAL LEVEL - Christians, welcome the stranger. We oppose Trump's immigration raids.

https://act.faithfulamerica.org/sign/ice_raids/?t=1&akid=1643%2E443148%2E4bALF-E&eType=EmailBlastContent&eld=041c315f-e390-4496-8136-bcfe9d3075ae

NATIONAL LEVEL - Tell Congress to hold Customs and Border Patrol accountable for

inhumane child detention. https://action.aclu.org/petition/congress-hold-cbp-accountable-inhumane-child-detention?ms_aff=NAT&initms_aff=NAT&ms=190709_immigrantrights_detention&initms=190709_immigrantrights_detention&ms_chan=eml&initms_chan=eml&af=BcNshjQS8xuSodn2Upme1NXUJqVtSOxYoo%2B5iEwVqOK4TQ7OE7jAKHrNgRkOaQ%2By0kiFW5pvnMMjPLCEERBX6JPYjEalNBP35Z9qBQmyxG68%2FSbPMk8YhAPBloZXiNRod2ui0mBC0hUOtMjvwZZlqCz6Ay0a86yTPU%2Fy3yqgMo%3D

NATIONAL LEVEL - Congress needs to act to demand accountability from the private prison industry. They run without sufficient oversight, thanks to a loophole that allows them to not disclose information. Sign the petition: <https://actionnetwork.org/petitions/private-prison-information/?source=group-rootsactionorg&referrer=group-rootsactionorg&action=Prisons>

NATIONAL LEVEL - Don't let hotel chains become temporary ICE detention centers. Hotel companies should publicly refuse to allow any of their properties to contract with ICE and deny assistance in the deportation of people and families. <https://petitions.moveon.org/sign/hotel-chains-dont-become?akid=238697.17155953.J3HEI5&rd=1&source=mo&t=7>

**NATIONAL LEVEL - Tell your members of Congress to reject ANY funding for deadly immigration jails and deportations that separate families!
<https://immigrantjustice.salsalabs.org/defundhateaction2019/index.html?eType=EmailBlastContent&eld=b4f0c163-7d0b-4e59-ba55-601576b1b4b6>**

**NATIONAL LEVEL – Cong. Pete Aguilar is trying to protect immigrants right but needs your help. Sign his petition to stop the use of immigration detention centers.
https://act.peteaguilar.com/page/s/close-detention-centers?source=MS_EM_PET_2019.07.10_B1_detention-centers_X_F1_S1_C1_all**

Action Three: Education

Why detention centers remind us of one of the worst periods in history - <https://www.nytimes.com/2019/06/29/opinion/sunday/migrant-kids-concentration-camps.html?action=click&module=Well&pgtype=Homepage§ion=Sunday%20Review>

How border crossing became a crime in the United States - https://www.history.com/news/illegal-border-crossing-usa-mexico-section-1325?utm_source=CLINIC+Mail&utm_campaign=bc1a717cf0-CLINIC_Daily_7-03-2019&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_a33179621a-bc1a717cf0-284015825

Study: When ICE and local police cooperate on immigration enforcement, Hispanic student enrollment drops - <https://www.usnews.com/news/education-news/articles/2019-07-08/study-when-ice-and-local-police-cooperate-on-immigration-enforcement-hispanic-student-enrollment-drops>

In Juarez, 'Remain in Mexico' policy casts asylum seekers back into uncertainty (podcast) <https://www.npr.org/2019/07/10/740159720/under-trump-policy-migrants-seeking-asylum-must-wait-in-mexico>

Child detention in creating a mental health crisis - <https://www.axios.com/child-detention-mental-health-crisis-1fcbbb86-be78-451d-87a8-4a84ee894d01.html>

ICE's use of face scans worries civil rights activists - https://www.pbs.org/newshour/nation/ices-use-of-face-scans-worries-civil-rights-activists?utm_source=CLINIC+Mail&utm_campaign=3368c11b46-CLINIC_Daily_7-11-2019&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_a33179621a-3368c11b46-284015825

Trump administration sends notices of \$500,000 fines for immigrants - https://www.npr.org/2019/07/02/738059913/trump-administration-sends-out-notices-of-500-000-fines-for-those-in-u-s-illegal?fbclid=IwAR1e1ZA-zKCciyCvwWjwNg_XZ77-vP_ABeDPmMNEtKJc0pQonIs47A5o8tg

Immigration officials use secretive gang database to deny migrant asylum claims - https://www.propublica.org/article/immigration-officials-use-secretive-gang-databases-to-deny-migrant-asylum-claims?utm_source=Today%27s+Headlines&utm_campaign=ab7b7382bf-EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_2016_12_12_COPY_01&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_b04355194f-ab7b7382bf-81791201

Trump to ante up the asylum rules - <https://www.politico.com/playbook>

Action Four: Action

**ONGOING: BROADVIEW FRIDAY MORNING VIGILS: 7 AM, 1930 Beach St., Broadview, IL
First Fridays are Interfaith Services; other Fridays center on the Catholic Rosary
DIRECTIONS: from Loop, take I-290 west to south 25th Ave, then to exit 18A; turn right at Lexington and left at Beach Street.**

**Action Five: Social Media - @WhiteHouse As people of faith, we know that by rejecting immigrants, you are rejecting everything that has made us a great country. Stop persecuting immigrants.
Thank you for your efforts!!**