

Presbyterian Office of Public Witness: Immigration and Detention Resources

Background

[Asylum, An Essential Lifetime](#)

This blog post and accompanying video by Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society illustrates what asylum is.

[Deportation by the Numbers](#)

This interactive map published by Freedom for Immigrants illustrates where people are being detained in the United States.

[Families, Children & The U.S. /Mexico Border](#)

Here the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance explains the current situation at the U.S./Mexico Border and illustrates the need for action.

[Family Detention and Family Separation](#)

This website provides PC(USA)'s policies regarding family detention and separation.

[The Genesis of Exodus](#)

This film, story map, reflection guide, and cited resources describe the root causes of Central American migration.

[Presbyterian Church \(U.S.A.\) Staffs' Response](#)

This article describes the importance of advocacy to stop inhumane treatment in detention centers.

Child Detention

[Detention: Impact on Children](#)

This resource provided by PCUSA illustrates the impact of detention on children.

[End Child Detention](#)

This global campaign provides resources about their movement and information regarding the detention of children

For Those Facing Deportation or Detention

[Family Care Plan](#)

This webpage has links to help families facing deportation find legal representation and navigate the detention system.

[Freedom for Immigrants](#)

This page includes frequently asked questions for individuals and their families facing detention or at risk of deportation.

[National Immigration Law Center](#)

This webpage describes the rights of immigrants when encountering law enforcement, immigration raids, etc.

Worship

["Abraham Journeyed to a New Country"](#)

This hymn written by Carolyn W. Gillette has lyrics illustrating the plights of immigrants people in the Bible set to the tune of "Morning Has Broken".

["Beatitudes"](#)

This prayer written by Rev. Alison Harrington prays for immigrant people.

[Pastor's Toolkit](#)

This toolkit provides resources for pastors wanting to talk about the children and families fleeing violence in Central America.

Faith in Action

Political Action

[Office of Public Witness Toolkit](#)

This toolkit has resources to help you organize a response in support of our neighbors fleeing from Central America.

[Presbyterians for Just Immigration](#)

Join this movement composed of people of faith calling for immigration reform.

[Action Alert: People are Seeking Our Help](#)

This Action Alert from the Office of Public Witness urges President Donald Trump to de-escalate tensions at the border and ensure due process for all migrant people.

[Sign up to Receive the Presbyterian Office of Public Witness' Action Alerts](#)

Use this link to sign up to receive action alerts.

[We Choose Welcome: 2019 Action Guide](#)

Use this action guide published by PC(USA) to learn how you and your congregation can get started in welcoming refugees in your community.

[Write to Your Representative](#)

Use this website to find who is your representative. Write them a letter asking that they take action on behalf of migrant children and adults.

[Write to your Senator](#)

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[2019 Immigration Asks](#)

Use this PDF created by the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) to inform what you ask your member of Congress to do for you.

Other Organizations

[Church World Services](#)

Donate to Church World Services, an organization that provides material and legal aid to immigrants and asylum seekers, and advocates for humane policies.

[Freedom for Immigrants](#)

This U.S. based-nonprofit created a tool called RE-UNITE to assist in locating adults and children who have disappeared into the U.S. immigration detention system.

[Karnes Pro-Bono Project](#)

This program was created by RAICES to provide free legal services to families detained in Karnes County Residential Center. Volunteer or donate to this organization to help fund the legal fees.

[Immigration Advocates Network](#)

Use the Immigration Advocates Network's virtual map to find nonprofit organizations that provide free or low-cost immigration legal services in your state.

[National Visitation Network](#)

This network led by Freedom for Immigrants helps organize visitation groups to immigrant prisons and jails.

[Presbyterian Mission Agency](#)

Donate to the Presbyterian Mission's disaster relief: refugee emergencies to provide funds for humanitarian relief for children arriving in the U.S.

[Sanctuary Movement](#)

This website provides resources for congregations considering becoming involved in the Sanctuary Movement—protecting and standing in solidarity with immigrants facing deportation.