

Resource List for Secular and Faith-Based Migrant Advocacy and Support

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1. [KIND](#) (Kids in Need of Defense) is leading advocacy efforts for kids in immigration detention.
2. The [Women's Refugee Commission](#) is leading national efforts against family separation and child detention to preserve access to asylum, increase use of alternatives to detention, and improve detention conditions.
3. The [Catholic Legal Immigration Network](#) is playing a crucial role coordinating legal services in response to immigration crises.
4. The [ACLU Immigrants' Rights Project](#) is litigating these and other policies at the border.
5. [RAICES](#) is the largest immigration nonprofit in Texas offering free and low-cost legal services to immigrant children and families.
6. [Al Otro Lado](#) (AOL) serves indigent deportees, migrants, and refugees in Los Angeles and Tijuana, Mexico and is building a revolving fund for asylum seekers, migrants, refugees and

detainees to fight for the dignity of those in sitting in ICE detention centers. https://alotrolado.networkforgood.com/?fbclid=IwAR05DJ5n36QtWyRtJkdmWh_msi1KICo8ZtY4hNwNbelYDXr-imXg57oHAZw

7. [The Florence Project](#) provides legal and social services to detained immigrants in Arizona.
8. [Lawyers for Good Government](#) says that you can [contribute to the Project Corazon Travel Fund](#) to send more lawyers (particularly Spanish-speaking immigration lawyers) to the detention centers and refugee camps. (Supposedly, you can [pledge your frequent flier miles to help get more lawyers to the border](#)). You can also volunteer as a lawyer or translator.
9. [Justice in Motion](#) has created a network of human rights lawyers and nongovernmental organizations across Mexico and Central America to find parents deported without their children and help families reunite in their countries of origin.
10. [Immigrant Families Together](#) supports bonds, living expenses, and medical and legal needs of migrant families.
11. [Families Belong Together](#) – a coalition of more than 250 organizations - is on the ground in Tijuana. Note: They are selling a children’s coloring book called “Coloring Without Borders” all proceeds of which go to their organization:

<https://store.familiesbelongtogether.org/products/coloring-without-borders-coloring-book>

12. [Innovation Law Lab](#) builds tools for immigration-related crisis response, aiming to improve representation and due process.
13. [United We Dream](#), the [American Immigration Council](#), and the [National Immigration Law Center](#) are organizing to help immigrants in the event of raids.
14. [Human Rights First](#) is a national organization with roots in Houston that needs help from lawyers.
15. The [National Immigrant Justice Center](#) represents and advocates for detained adults and children facing removal, supports efforts at the border, and represents parents in the interior who have been separated from their families as a result of aggressive enforcement.
16. Find out where there are detention facilities near you so you can hold vigils and protests and/or support the needs of detainees at https://www.ice.gov/detention-facilities?fbclid=IwAR2mFTq_BZ_hMnoikS4CvZ1cq44RUiZGOKVubtipUZEuZGJkihC8UBBep54#wcm-survey-target-id
17. Become informed! Learn the historic “landscape” of immigration and detention in the United States at

https://www.americanimmigrationcouncil.org/research/landscape-immigration-detention-united-states?fbclid=IwAR1wuN2ucejCCae2aA0Jr9YRuLvdSbUaF1S2n-yIH5sc2XD6_32NFVWDVuo

18. Take an experiential education delegation to explore the causes and difficulties of migration with Borderlinks in Tucson, AZ
<https://www.borderlinks.org/delegations>
19. **Call Congress, your mayor and local representatives** and tell them that you want impending raids by Immigration and Customs Enforcement to be called off and detention conditions improved. (The legal defense nonprofit Raices has provided [a template and an online form](#) that you can use to email your congressional representatives. You can also reach out to your local officials to ask that they initiate plans to help immigrant communities that are affected by the raids. [This official government website](#) has provided links to finding your city, county and town officials.)
20. **See what your wider faith community is doing in terms of immigration and refugee ministries.**
21. Lutheran (ELCA): Participate in (or financially support) an intensive Border Immersion Program with Cristo Rey Lutheran Church in El Paso, Texas. www.iglesiacristorey.wixsite.com/luterala

22. Support the Roman Catholic Annunciation House in El Paso. They coordinate all 46 or so church and non-profits working together in El Paso to house and feed asylum seekers once they are released by ICE or Border Patrol www.annunciationhouse.org
23. LIRS (Lutheran Immigration Refugee Services) www.lirs.org
24. United Methodist Church
<http://www.umc.org/what-we-believe/how-united-methodists-can-help-immigrant-families>
25. Presbyterian Church USA
<https://pcamna.org/refugee-and-immigrant-ministry/>
26. United Church of Christ Immigration and Refugee Ministries [https://www.ucc.org/justice immigration](https://www.ucc.org/justice_immigration)
27. Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)
<https://www.discipleshomemissions.org/missions-advocacy/refugee-immigration-ministries/>
28. Union of Reformed Judaism Immigration Justice Initiative <https://urj.org/blog/2019/04/30/urj-and-kraus-family-foundation-announce-gilbert-and-eleanor-kraus-initiative>
29. Casa Alitas Monastery Program to Aid Migrants in Tucson, AZ <https://www.ccs-soaz.org/agencies->

[ministries/detail/alitas-aid-for-migrant-women-and-children](#)

30. **Church World Service** is an ecumenical international organization which provides major programs for immigrant support and refugee resettlement across the globe and locally in the US. <https://cwsglobal.org/our-work/refugees-and-immigrants/>

31. Pray for the safety of migrant children and families on the journey and for justice as they reach their destinations.

32. Become a Welcoming Congregation to accompany these children and families through their transition to life in the U.S. (check with your faith community judicatory guidelines)

33. Accompany migrant children and families through the Guardian Angel Program as the physical presence of the church in the courtroom. <https://Vimeo.com/157458987>

34. Give to AMMPARO (Accompanying Migrant Minors with Protection, Advocacy, Representation and Opportunities <https://community.elca.org/donations/ammparo-donate>

35. Catholic Community Services of Southern Arizona in Tucson has recently moved Casa Alitas Asylum Seekers Shelter to a former Benedictine Monastery, now housing several hundred residents.
36. **Inform** Your local faith community, immigrant families and neighbors by sharing/consulting educational cards/flyers/booklets such as below.
37. [Know Your Rights](#) (English and Spanish) materials from Mijente.
38. A Deportation Defense resource from the [“LA RED” immigration partnership of Faith in Action](#) (formerly called PICO). PICO/LaRED is a partnership in which a number of persons of faith have engaged.
39. The “Deportation Defense Guide for the Faith Community” is downloadable at <https://faithinaction.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/04/Deportation-Defense-Guide-.pdf>
40. **Share your community’s Rapid Response Hotline number** with your friends and network. All communities in the U.S. may use this national hotline number, which will refer callers to local resources: **1-888-624-4752**

41. **Uplift** your voices, and faith communities, consider offering a safe gathering space for affected families. Offer vigils to raise awareness and publicly demonstrate your support.
42. **Support detainees:** If you know a community member who is detained, see these additional resources: [From Raids to Deportation: A Community Resource Kit](#) and [ICE Raid's Toolkit Immigrant Defense Project](#).
43. **Have your faith community consider Providing Long Term Sanctuary** to an immigrant or family should they request it:
44. Share out your local list of sanctuary congregations that provide housing to families that are scared of being in their homes or sending their kids to school. In Massachusetts the United Church of Christ has a support fund for sanctuary churches. [https://www.macucc.org/newsdetail/confere
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sanctuary-
churches-fund-
11013608](https://www.macucc.org/newsdetail/confERENCE-launches-sanctuary-churches-fund-11013608)