

Refugees, Asylum Seekers & Immigration

Presbytery of New York City Justice Ministries Committee, February 2019

The circumstances refugees, asylum seekers and immigrants face are in a state of flux as policies change frequently. These resources may help individuals and congregations respond in ministry.

NEW YORK CITY GROUPS

New Sanctuary Coalition

Phone – 646-395-2925

Email – info@newsanctuarynyc.org

Web – <http://www.newsanctuarynyc.org/>

Facebook - <https://www.facebook.com/NewSanctuaryCoalition/>

Sanctuary Caravan

Web - <https://www.sanctuarycaravan.org/>

Facebook - <https://www.facebook.com/sanctuarycaravan1/>

New York Immigration Coalition

Phone – 212-627-2227

Web – <http://www.thenycic.org/>

Facebook - <https://www.facebook.com/thenycic/>

Safe Passage Project

Phone: 212-324-6558

Email: help@safepassageproject.org

Website: <https://www.safepassageproject.org>

Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/SafePassageProject>

Make the Road New York

Phone – 718-418-7690

Email – online contact form at <https://maketheroadny.org/contact/>

Web – <https://maketheroadny.org/>

Facebook - <https://www.facebook.com/MaketheRoadNY/>

Queer Detainee Empowerment Program

Phone – 347-645-9339

Email – info@qdep.org

Web – <http://www.qdep.org/>

Facebook - <https://www.facebook.com/queerdep/>

Justice Ministries Committee, Presbytery of New York City

Phone – 917-322-1221

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Facebook – <https://www.facebook.com/PNYCJusticeMinistries/>

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PC(USA) MINISTRIES AND PROGRAMS

The **Office of Immigration Issues** provides legal advice and counsel to mid-councils and congregations regarding immigration issues, coordinates advocacy and education efforts and creates worship materials.

Web - <http://oga.pcusa.org/section/mid-council-ministries/immigration/>

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The **Office of Public Witness** advocates, and help the church advocate, the social witness perspectives and policies of the Presbyterian General Assembly.

Web - <https://www.presbyterianmission.org/ministries/washington/>

Facebook - <https://www.facebook.com/PCUSAWashington/>

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Presbyterian Disaster Assistance is a ministry of relief and response to national and international disasters, aid to refugees and displaced persons, refugee resettlement and efforts toward development.

Web – <http://pda.pcusa.org/>

Facebook - <https://www.facebook.com/PDACARES/>

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The **Presbyterian Ministry at the United Nations** helps inspire, equip and connect Presbyterians for ministry as faithful disciples of Jesus in the global community.

Web - <https://www.presbyterianmission.org/ministries/un/>

Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/PresbyterianMinistryUN/>

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Presbyterians For Just Immigration (PFJI) is a network of Presbyterians interested in addressing the crisis caused by a broken immigration system. PFJI is committed to fostering discussion, sharing resources, promoting advocacy, and writing liturgy on various immigration topics.

<https://www.facebook.com/Presbyterians-for-Just-Immigration-354161945856/>

EDUCATE INDIVIDUALS AND CONGREGATIONS

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance Refugee Ministry

<http://pda.pcusa.org/situation/refugee-ministry/>

Families, Children & the U.S./Mexico Border, Presbyterian Disaster Assistance

<http://pda.pcusa.org/situation/unaccompanied-children/>

Offering Sanctuary, Office of the General Assembly

<http://oga.pcusa.org/section/mid-council-ministries/immigration/sanctuary/>

Locked in a Box: Immigration Detention (24 mins.)

<http://pda.pcusa.org/pda/resource/video-immigration-detention/>

The Genesis of Exodus: The Roots of Central American Migration (49 mins.)

<https://genesisofexodusfilm.com/>

Bring the Sky: A Detention Visitation Guide, for congregations by Lutheran Immigration & Refugee Service.

<https://www.lirs.org/start-a-visitation-ministry>

GreaterAs1, information on refugee and immigration policy and Fact Sheets from Church World Service

<https://greateras1.org/learn/information-materials/>

Sanctuary: A Discernment Guide for Congregations, Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) Office of Public Witness

<https://www.pcusa.org/resource/sanctuary-discernment-guide-congregations/>

United Nations Millennium Development Goals

<https://www.presbyterianmission.org/resource/study-devotional-guide-for-the-sustainable-development-goals/>

The Trauma Pastoral Care Series from Presbyterian Disaster Assistance

<https://pda.pcusa.org/pda/resource/Trauma-Pastoral-Care-Series/>

A Brief History of U.S. Immigration Policy (written in 2012)

<https://www.americanimmigrationcouncil.org/research/opportunity-and-exclusion-brief-history-us-immigration-policy>

American Immigration Lawyers Association

<https://www.aila.org/>

ACT

We Choose Welcome Action Guide, Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) Office of Public Witness

<https://www.presbyterianmission.org/resource/choose-welcome-action-guide/>

How to Be a Sanctuary House of Worship, New Sanctuary Coalition

<http://www.newsanctuarynyc.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/04/HOW-onepager.pdf>

Immigrant Justice Now

<https://www.immigrantjusticenow.org/>

ADVOCATE

Contact Congress – Action Alerts, Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) Office of Public Witness

<http://capwiz.com/pcusa/home/>

Neighbor-to-Neighbor Toolkit and Resources for arranging district meetings with members of Congress

<http://www.interfaithimmigration.org/neighbor-to-neighbor-toolkit-and-resources/>

TOOLS FOR IMPACTED INDIVIDUALS AND SUPPORTERS

Legal Service Providers in New York City and New York State

<https://www.nycic.org/providers/>

Know Your Rights Community Toolkit, New York Immigration Coalition

<https://www.nycic.org/know-your-rights-community-toolkit/>

Family Care Plan/Preparation Plan, *Office of Immigration Issues, Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)*

<http://oga.pcusa.org/section/mid-council-ministries/immigration/familycareplan/>

POLICIES

Presbyterian Church (U.S.A). Immigration Policy

<http://oga.pcusa.org/section/mid-council-ministries/immigration/policy-immigration/>

Free Our Future: An Immigration Policy Platform for Beyond the Trump Era (from Mijente)

https://mijente.net/wp-content/uploads/2018/06/Mijente-Immigration-Policy-Platform_0628.pdf

What We Mean When We Say Abolish ICE

<http://inthesetimes.com/article/21252/abolish-ice-donald-trump-jeff-sessions-protest-mijente-not-one-more>

ARTICLES BY PRESBYTERIANS IN THE PRESBYTERY OF NEW YORK CITY

Touching the Wound – by the Rev. Ben Perry

<https://sojo.net/articles/touching-wound>

Our Government Is Deliberately Inflicting Suffering on Asylum Seekers – by the Rev. Ben Perry

<https://sojo.net/articles/our-government-deliberately-inflicting-suffering-asylum-seekers>

This Advent, We Wait for Justice – by the Rev. Ben Perry

<http://justiceunbound.org/action-alerts/action-news/this-advent-we-wait-for-justice/>

The Abuse of Asylum Seekers Is the Real Assault on Christmas – by the Rev. Ben Perry

<https://sojo.net/articles/abuse-asylum-seekers-real-assault-christmas>

An Administration of Dehumanization – by the Rev. Ben Perry

<https://sojo.net/articles/administration-dehumanization>

Because the Bible Tells Us So – by the Rev. Ben Perry

<https://slate.com/news-and-politics/2015/11/the-republican-partys-immigration-and-refugee-positions-defy-the-bible.amp>

DEPORTATION OF VETERANS

Deported Veterans Support House

<http://www.deportedveteranssupporthouse.org/>

Stop the Deportation of Veterans!

<http://www.militaryfamiliespeakout.com/stop-the-deportation-of-veterans/>

ACLU Report on How U.S. Has Failed Deported Veterans

<https://www.aclu.org/news/aclu-report-details-how-us-has-failed-deported-veterans>