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Introduction

This resource guide is a reference for individuals and churches within the diocese interested in pursuing immigration advocacy work. It is a living document and will be updated regularly to reflect changing needs. If you would like to see a resource or organization included in this guide, please send your recommendations to the front desk receptionist at receptionist@ecww.org. Thank you!

Resources for Immigrants and Refugees

Casa Latina

Casa Latina is a Seattle-based immigrant worker rights organization. In addition to advocating for immigrant worker rights, they offer opportunities for employment and education for Latinx immigrants. Learn more at their website: <http://casa-latina.org/>

The Diocese of Olympia's Refugee Resettlement Office

The Refugee Resettlement Office supports refugees and asylees through resettlement, English language learning, job placement, and business development programs. Learn more at their website: <http://dioceseroseattle.org/>

El Centro de la Raza

El Centro de la Raza is a civil rights organization that advocates for the Latinx community in King County. They offer programs for children and youth, education and asset building programs, and bilingual human and emergency services. El Centro de la Raza is also dedicated to community building and development and environmental justice. Learn more at their website: <http://www.elcentrodeklaraza.org/>

Northwest Immigrant Rights Project

The Northwest Immigrant Rights Project offers comprehensive immigration legal services as well as a number of community education programs. They also advance systemic change through impact litigation. Learn more at their website: <https://www.nwirp.org/>

Refugee Women's Alliance (ReWA)

The Refugee Women's Alliance supports refugee and immigrant women and families through comprehensive and community-informed programming. Some of the services they provide include childcare, employment and job training, behavioral health care, domestic violence awareness and assistance, ESL classes, naturalization and legal services, and housing and homelessness prevention as well as programs for youth and seniors. Learn more at their website: <https://www.rewa.org/>

Other Organizations in Need of Support

City of Seattle, Office of Immigrant and Refugee Affairs

The Office of Immigrant and Refugee Affairs offers a number of resources for immigrants and refugees. These include DACA information, citizenship clinics, naturalization/citizenship resources, legal representation, computer resources, housing, employment, and education assistance, transportation assistance, and LGBT resources. There is also a section of their website dedicated to reporting federal immigration enforcement via the Washington Immigrant Solidarity Network. Learn more at their website: <http://www.seattle.gov/iandraffairs/resources>

Northwest Detention Center (NDWC) Resistance

NWDC Resistance is a grassroots organization working to end the detention and deportation of immigrants. This movement advocates with and for those detained at the Northwest Detention Center in Tacoma. Learn more at their website: <http://www.nwdcresistance.org/>

Seattle-King County Immigrant Legal Defense Network

The Seattle-King County Immigrant Legal Defense Network provides financial assistance to individuals who cannot pay for immigration legal services. Learn more at: <https://www.seattle.gov/iandraffairs/programs/legal-defense-fund-and-network>

The Church Council of Greater Seattle

The Church Council of Greater Seattle is a faith-based non-profit committed to racial and economic justice. Through an interfaith framework their work also touches on issues of housing and homelessness and the rights of immigrants and refugees. Learn more at their website: <https://www.thechurchcouncil.org/>

World Relief Seattle

World Relief Seattle offers refugee resettlement services as well as employment training, English classes, legal services, and an immigration detention ministry. Learn more at their website: <https://worldreliefseattle.org/>

Contacting Elected Officials

U.S. Senators

Maria Cantwell (D) – 202.224.3441 – <http://www.cantwell.senate.gov/public/index.cfm/email-maria>

Patty Murray (D) – 202.224.2621 – <http://www.murray.senate.gov/public/index.cfm/contactme>

When contacting Senators mention S.3036 – Keep Families Together Act (<https://www.congress.gov/bill/115th-congress/senate-bill/3036/text>).

U.S. Representatives

1st District – Suzan DelBene (D) – 202.225.6311 – <https://delbene.house.gov/contact/>

2nd District – Rick Larsen (D) – 202.225.2605 – <https://larsen.house.gov/contact-rick/email-rick>

3rd District (R) – Jaime Herrera Beutler (R) – 202.225.3536 – <https://herrerabeutler.house.gov/contact/>

4th District – Dan Newhouse (R) – 202.225.5816 – <https://newhouse.house.gov/contact/email>

5th District – Cathy McMorris Rodgers (R) – 202.225.2006 – <https://mcmorris.house.gov/contact/>

6th District – Derek Kilmer (D) – 202.225.5916 – <https://kilmer.house.gov/contact/email-me>

7th District – Pramila Jayapal (D) – 202.225.3106 – <https://jayapal.house.gov/contact>

8th District – David G. Reichert (R) – 202.225-7761 – <https://reichert.house.gov/contact-me/email-me>

9th District – Adam Smith (D) – 202.225.8901 – <https://adamsmith.house.gov/contact>

10th District – Denny Heck (D) – 202.225.9740 – <https://dennyheck.house.gov/contact/email-me>

When contacting Representatives mention H.R.5950 – HELP Separated Children Act (<https://www.congress.gov/bill/115th-congress/house-bill/5950/text>).

Not sure who your representative is? Find out at <https://www.house.gov/representatives/find-your-representative>.

U.S. Department of Justice

Department Comment Line - 202-353-1555 -

<https://www.justice.gov/doj/webform/your-message-department-justice>

Annette L. Hayes, Acting U.S. Attorney, Western District of Washington - PublicComment@usdoj.gov

Seattle Main Office - 206.554.7970

Tacoma Branch Office - 253.428.3800

ICE Leadership

Write to:

U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement

500 12th St., SW

Washington, D.C. 20536

DHS Leadership

Write to:

Department of Homeland Security

Washington, D.C. 20528

State Officials

Governor - Jay Inslee - 360.902.4111 -

<https://www.governor.wa.gov/contact/contact/send-gov-inslee-e-message>

Attorney General - Bob Ferguson - 360.753.6200 -

<https://fortress.wa.gov/atg/formhandler/ago/ContactForm.aspx>

Find your Washington State Legislators at <http://app.leg.wa.gov/DistrictFinder/>.

Local Officials

Sharing your concerns with local officials is every bit as important as contacting your elected officials on the state and national level. You can find contact information for both your city and county leaders on their respective websites. For concerns related to immigration, here are a few departments you may want to reach out to:

City

- Mayor's Office
- City Council
- Legal Department
- Office of Equity and Social Justice
- Police Department

County

- County Executive
- Board of Commissioners
- District and Superior Courts
- Law Enforcement Oversight
- Sheriff's Office

Many cities and counties also have advisory boards, councils, and commissions made up of community members whose priorities may intersect with yours. Some examples:

- Commission on Children and Youth
- Council for Human Rights
- Ethics Commission
- Immigrant and Refugee Commission
- Library Board of Trustees

Best Practices

“Faith and Citizenship: A Guide to Effective Advocacy for Episcopalians” – TEC –
<https://cqrcengage.com/episcopal/file/IgV4q9DLFWy/Faith+Citizenship-Final%202016.pdf>

“How to Call Your Legislature and Make it Count” – Sojourners –
<https://sojo.net/articles/how-call-your-legislator-and-make-it-count>

“How to Write an Op-Ed Article” – Duke University –
<https://styleguide.duke.edu/toolkits/writing-media/how-to-write-an-op-ed-article/>

“Sample Conversations for Calling Elected Officials” – ACLU –
<https://www.aclu-wa.org/calling-your-elected-representatives>

“Tips on Writing to Elected Officials” – ACLU –
<https://www.aclu.org/other/tips-writing-your-elected-officials>

Washington Detention Centers & ICE Field Offices

Federal Detention Center SeaTac

Dan Sproul, Warden -206.870.5700 - ExecAssistant@bop.gov
2425 South 200th Street
Seattle, WA 98198

ICE Seattle Field Office

206.835.0650 - Seattle.Outreach@ice.dhs.gov
12500 Tukwila International Boulevard
Seattle, WA, 98168

ICE Seattle Office of Chief Counsel

206.613.6500
1000 Second Avenue Suite 2900
Seattle, WA, 98104

ICE Seattle Office for Professional Responsibility

Resident Agent in Charge – Seattle – 206.625.6040
915 Second Avenue Suite 3164
Seattle, WA

Tacoma Northwest Detention Center

Bryan S. Wilcox, Acting Field Office Director
William Penalosa - Assistant Field Office Director (Detention)
Facility Main Telephone Line - 253.779.6000
Office of Chief Counsel – 253.779.6059
1623 East J Street Suite 2
Tacoma, WA, 98421

Letters, Statements, and Petitions

General

ACLU Petition to Kevin K. McAleenan, Commissioner of United States Customs and Border Protection – “Stop the Government from Abusing Immigrant Children” - <https://action.aclu.org/petition/cbp-stop-abusing-children>

ACLU Petition to the Secretary of Homeland Security – “Separating Families is Inhumane” - <https://action.aclu.org/petition/separating-families>

Letter from Governor Jay Inslee and Attorney General Bob Ferguson to Annette Hays, Dan Sproul, and Bryan Wilcox – June 7, 2018 - <https://assets.documentcloud.org/documents/4498571/Ltr-From-Gov-Inslee-AG-Ferguson.pdf>

Presiding Bishop Michael B. Curry’s Statement for World Refugee Day – June 18, 2018 - <https://www.episcopalchurch.org/library/video/world-refugee-day-2018>

Presiding Bishop Michael B. Curry’s Statement on the Prayer Vigil for Family Unity – June 20, 2018 - <https://www.episcopalchurch.org/library/video/prayer-vigil-family-unity>

“The Soul of Our Collective Life” – Bishop Gregory H. Rickel – June 20, 2018, <https://www.episcopalchurch.org/library/video/prayer-vigil-family-unity>

Diocesan Statements on *Trump v. Hawaii*

Bishop Rickel’s Video Statement, Part 1 - <https://youtu.be/tzN-NEgOw98>

Bishop Rickel’s Video Statement, Part 2 - <https://youtu.be/XPwsov6Hrz4>

Lawsuit Statement (February 7, 2017) - <https://ecww.org/diocese-olympia-joins-aclu-challenge-executive-order-refugees/>

Lawsuit Update (March 16, 2017) - <https://ecww.org/update-aclu-lawsuit-block-presidents-ban-refugees/>

Lawsuit Update (July 10, 2017) - <https://ecww.org/bishop-rickels-statement-supreme-courts-partial-reinstatement-travel-ban/>

Lawsuit Update (September 13, 2017) - <https://ecww.org/bishop-rickels-statement-supreme-courts-partial-reinstatement-travel-ban/>

Lawsuit Update (November 10, 2017) - <https://ecww.org/update-bishop-rickel-lawsuit-block-travel-ban/>

Lawsuit Update (January 12, 2018) - <https://ecww.org/bishop-rickel-latest-updates-travel-ban-lawsuit/>

Prayer Services and Protests

Wednesday, June 20 9:30am-11:30am - Community Briefing on Detained Asylum Seekers – Saint Mark’s Cathedral, Seattle – Hosted by the Church Council of Greater Seattle – <https://ecww.org/soul-collective-life/>

Thursday, June 21, 9:00am-9:00pm – Prayer Vigil for Family Unity – United Methodist Building Chapel, Washington, DC – Thursday, June 21, 9:00 am-9:00pm – <https://www.episcopalnewsservice.org/pressreleases/join-the-episcopal-churchs-june-21-prayer-vigil-for-family-unity/> – livestream: https://www.facebook.com/pg/TheEPPN/videos/?ref=page_internal

Thursday, June 21, 7:00pm – Prayer and Procession for Families at the Border - Saint Mark’s Cathedral, Seattle & Saint James Cathedral, Seattle – Thursday, June 21, 7:00pm – <https://ecww.org/soul-collective-life/>

Friday, June 28 and Saturday, June 29, Various Times - #NoMuslimBanEver Events – Various Locations – <https://map.peoplepower.org/?eventType=nomuslimban>

Saturday, June 30, Various Times – Families Belong Together Events – Various Locations – https://act.moveon.org/event/families-belong-together_attend1/search/

Sunday, July 1, 1:30pm-4:00pm – Northwest Detention Center, Tacoma – Solidarity Day at Northwest Detention Center – Hosted by NWDC Resistance/Resistencia al NWDC – <https://www.facebook.com/events/276798272867272/>

Sunday, July 8, 12:00pm – Prayer - Service Outside the T. Don Hutto Residential Detention Center – General Convention, Taylor, TX – Sunday, July 8, 12:00pm - <https://www.episcopalnewsservice.org/2018/06/21/prayer-service-set-at-texas-detention-center-during-general-convention/>

Thursday July 21, 7:00pm – Concerned Clergy of Olympia and Interfaith Works Vigil – City Hall, Olympia – Hosted by Interfaith Works – <https://ecww.org/soul-collective-life/>

Additional Resources

“Backgrounder: Family Separation and Immigration Detention” – TEC

On June 26, 2018 The Episcopal Church published a backgrounder to respond to frequently asked questions about family separation and immigration detention. Learn more at

https://cqrceengage.com/episcopal/file/0b2pGfi9lNK/Backgrounder%20Immigration%20Detention%206_26_2018.pdf.

“Civil Discourse: A Curriculum for Reflection, Consideration and Discussion” – TEC

Published by the Office of Government Relations of The Episcopal Church, the Civil Discourse Curriculum is a resource for individuals and congregations who wish to facilitate meaningful and challenging conversations in their communities. Learn more about the curriculum at

<https://advocacy.episcopalchurch.org/resources?0>.

“Here’s How You Can Help Fight Family Separation at the Border” – Slate

Since June 15th, Slate contributors Dahlia Lithwick and Margo Schlanger have been updating this article with information on dozens of resources and organizations around the country that are supporting immigrants and refugees. Many need volunteers and donations to support their work.

Learn more at <https://slate.com/news-and-politics/2018/06/how-you-can-fight-family-separation-at-the-border.html>.

“Immigrant Rights” – ACLU of Washington

News releases and advocacy resources related to immigrant rights. Learn more at <https://www.aclu-wa.org/immigrant-rights>.

“Immigration Advocacy Resources” – TEC

This resource guide from the Office of Government Relations focuses on Actions individuals and congregations can take to support immigrants and asylum seekers. Learn more at

<https://advocacy.episcopalchurch.org/immigration>.

“Research Report: Policy Advocacy for Families and Young People” – TEC

This report details the history of The Episcopal Church’s advocacy on behalf of immigrant and refugee families and young people as well as their ongoing efforts. Learn more at

https://cqrceengage.com/episcopal/file/YVdUphBVC77/Immigration_and_Youth_Policy_Advocacy_06-07-2018%20Archives.pdf.

“Research Report: Policy Advocacy for Immigrants and Refugees” - TEC

This report details the history of The Episcopal Church’s advocacy on behalf of immigrants and refugees more broadly. Learn more at

https://cqrcengage.com/episcopal/file/qKvIldioljG/Immigration_and_Refugees_Policy_Advocacy_06-07-2018%20Archives.pdf.

“Timeline of the Muslim Ban” - ACLU of Washington

An updated timeline of actions taken related to the Muslim ban. Learn more at <https://www.aclu-wa.org/pages/timeline-muslim-ban>.

“The Muslim Ban: What Just Happened?” - ACLU

A detailed response to frequently asked questions related to the Supreme Court’s June 26, 2018 Supreme Court Decision. Learn more at <https://www.aclu.org/blog/immigrants-rights/muslim-ban-what-just-happened>.

“The Trump Administration’s Separation of Families at the Border...” - Vox

A primer on family separation at the border including a timeline of events. Learn more at <https://www.vox.com/2018/6/11/17443198/children-immigrant-families-separated-parents>.

“U.S. Supreme Court Ruling on Muslim Ban 3.0...” - CAIR California

A country-by-country breakdown of the impact of the Muslim ban. Learn more at <https://ca.cair.com/sfba/updates/u-s-supreme-court-ruling-on-muslim-ban-3-0-what-you-need-to-know/>.