

# Border and Immigration Newsletter

Learn - Reflect - Pray - Act

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## Learn

### **In Defense of Grace in Immigration Law**, Mary Giovagnoli

"...[T]he breadth of the executive order [on immigration] ignores an inherent element of immigration law: forgiveness. Not everyone who overstays a visa or enters the country unlawfully will be removed because some people can and should be forgiven. Congress decides how generous that forgiveness will be, but it has yet to completely eliminate discretion and grace in the application of the law.

"Thus, in promoting its interior and border enforcement agenda, the Administration is deliberately lumping together a vast range of people and circumstances, attempting to scare the public into believing that every single person in this country without documentation is a national security or public safety threat. Yet most of those he seeks to deport have lived here for decades, have U.S. citizen family members, and deep community ties. This ramp-up of enforcement is already causing hardships, and sending a ripple effect through American families, communities, and economies. This is not how immigration law is supposed to be applied and its perversion does all Americans a disservice."

Giovagnoli, M. (2017). In defense of grace in immigration law. Available at [immigrationimpact.com/2017/02/17/defense-grace-immigration-law/](http://immigrationimpact.com/2017/02/17/defense-grace-immigration-law/)

### **Why My Priesthood Calls Me to Resist Immigration Injustice**, Sean Carroll

"...[At] Kino Border Initiative—where I serve as executive director—we help many migrants[,]... sheltering those who have been recently deported or those who are seeking safety in the U.S.

"This is our ministry, and as a Catholic priest, it is an answer to a divine calling.

"For me, the teachings of the Catholic Church are as clear as God's commands to the people of Israel in Hebrew Scriptures: We are called to welcome widows, orphans, the poor and migrants.

"Sadly, these explicit instructions are as needed today as they were thousands of years ago.

"Nativism and xenophobia are resurgent. Those with a reasonable desire for security fall prey to the scaremongering tactics of cynical politicians. The ideals that define not only our faith but also our nation's character are being set aside in a deeply troubling way..."

Carroll, S. (2017). Why my priesthood calls me to resist immigration injustice. Available at [americamagazine.org/faith/2017/02/15/why-my-priesthood-calls-me-resist-immigration-injustice](http://americamagazine.org/faith/2017/02/15/why-my-priesthood-calls-me-resist-immigration-injustice)

[Kino Border Initiative, [kinoborderinitiative.org/](http://kinoborderinitiative.org/)]

### **America's Mass Deportation System is Rooted in Racism**, Kelly Lytle Hernandez

"The modern system of U.S. immigration control began in the 19th-century American West. Between the 1840s and 1880s, the United States government warred with Indigenous peoples and Mexico to lay claim to the region. Drove of Anglo-American families soon followed, believing it was their Manifest Destiny to dominate land, law and life in the region.

"But Indigenous peoples never disappeared (see Standing Rock) and non-white migrants arrived (see the State of California). Chinese immigrants, in particular, arrived in large numbers during the 19th century. A travel writer who was popular at the time, Bayard Taylor, expressed the sentiment settlers felt toward Chinese immigrants in one of his books:

" 'The Chinese are, morally, the most debased people on the face of the earth... their touch is pollution... They should not be allowed to settle on our soil.'

"When discriminatory laws and settler violence failed to expel them from the region, the settlers pounded Congress to develop a system of federal immigration control..."

Hernandez, K. (2017). America's mass deportation system is rooted in racism. Available at [theconversation.com/americas-mass-deportation-system-is-rooted-in-racism-73426?utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=Lates t %20from%20The%20 Conversation%20for%20February%2026%202017%20-%2068535073&utm\\_content=](http://theconversation.com/americas-mass-deportation-system-is-rooted-in-racism-73426?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=Lates%20from%20The%20Conversation%20for%20February%2026%202017%20-%2068535073&utm_content=[more...]) [more...]

### **3 Important Points in the Government's 'Instruction Manual for Mass Deportation,** Esther Yu Hsi Lee

"...In two memos publicly released Tuesday [2/21/2017], DHS Secretary John Kelly laid out an implementation plan to hire thousands more immigration officials, make more criminal offenses punishable by deportation, allow local law enforcement officials to carry out federal immigration duties, and make it easier to prevent entry to asylum-seeking children who show up at the southern U.S. border...

"...Here are the main takeaways from the DHS memos, and what they mean for the Trump administration's immigration enforcement moving forward:

**"Anyone with an immigration violation can be deported.** The U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) agency will no longer prioritize the detention and deportation of undocumented immigrants who commit serious offenses. Instead, the question and answer section of the ICE website clarifies that the agency would not 'exempt classes or categories of removal aliens from potential enforcement,' allowing immigration officials to go after essentially any undocumented immigrant...

**"It could become easier to deport people who can't prove that they've been here for more than two years.**

...Under this pair of memos, however, the parameters for removal have been moved back two years. That means that immigrants who have been in the country for upwards of two years may never be able to plead their cases in front of an immigration judge.

"...Among the people who would be affected include unaccompanied children who have fled violence in their home countries in Latin America and are now seeking humanitarian relief in the United States. Under international law, these non-citizens have a right to make a case that they should get to stay here because conditions in their home countries could lead to their persecution or death. But under the guidance, if people aren't able to immediately produce documents attesting to why they have a 'credible fear' to apply for asylum, they could be sent home...

**"Immigration agents are police and police are immigration agents.** Under the memo guidance, the ICE agency could call on local law enforcement to help detain and deport undocumented immigrants.

"The memo calls for the restoration of the Secure Communities Program, a program ended during the Obama administration that allowed for expanded cooperation between local law enforcement officials and federal agents.

"[T]he memo states that an Obama-era program called the Priority Enforcement Program—which prioritized the deportation of immigrants who committed serious crimes, and called on local law enforcement to be more lenient on criminal immigrants with longstanding ties to the country—will be terminated.

**"...Update:** The piece has been corrected to state that [DHS Secretary] Kelly could seek to expand the use of expedited removal to the country's interior through a notice in the Federal Register..."

Lee, E. (2017). 3 important points in the government's 'instruction manual for mass deportation.' Available at [thinkprogress.org/3-important-points-in-the-governments-instruction-manual-for-mass-deportation-d7dd5f3db0fc#.5k7igtj5o](http://thinkprogress.org/3-important-points-in-the-governments-instruction-manual-for-mass-deportation-d7dd5f3db0fc#.5k7igtj5o)

#### **DHS Memos: A Detailed Blueprint for Mass Deportation of All Undocumented Immigrants in America,** AV [America's Voice] Press Releases on February 21, 2017

"...These memos amount to an instruction manual for the coast-to-coast, fast-track deportation of everyone in the United States without papers, no matter how long they've been here, how strong their family ties, and how much they contribute..."

America's Voice (2017). DHS memos: A detailed blueprint for mass deportation of all undocumented immigrants in America. Available at [americasvoice.org/press\\_releases/dhs-memos-detailed-blueprint-mass-deportation-undocumented-immigrants-america/](http://americasvoice.org/press_releases/dhs-memos-detailed-blueprint-mass-deportation-undocumented-immigrants-america/)

#### **Implementing the President's Border Security and Immigration Enforcement Improvement Policies,** Department of Homeland Security

"[This] ... memorandum ... establishes the President's policy regarding effective border security and immigration enforcement through faithful execution of the laws of the United States."

Department of Homeland Security (2017). Implementing the President's border security and immigration enforcement improvement policies. Available at [dhs.gov/publication/implementing-presidents-border-security-and-immigration-enforcement-improvement-policies](http://dhs.gov/publication/implementing-presidents-border-security-and-immigration-enforcement-improvement-policies)

**Enforcement of the Immigration Laws to Serve the National Interest**, Department of Homeland Security

"[This] ...memorandum ... constitutes guidance for all Department personnel regarding the enforcement of the immigration laws of the United States, and is applicable to the activities of U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP), and U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS). As such, it should inform enforcement and removal activities, detention decisions, administrative litigation, budget Department of Homeland Security."

Department of Homeland Security (2017). Enforcement of the immigration laws to serve the national interest. Available at [dhs.gov/publication/enforcement-immigration-laws-serve-national-interest](https://dhs.gov/publication/enforcement-immigration-laws-serve-national-interest)

**Rural Resistance: While Trump Sees the Southern U.S. Border as Dangerous, Folks in Arivaca See the Area Differently**, Danyelle Khmara

"...In the late '90s, an influx of migrants from Mexico and Central America began crossing the Southern Arizona desert. The desert corridor was one of the few places for undocumented people to cross after a change in border policy blocked off urban points of entry.

"Many humanitarians live in and frequent this little town at the crossroads of treacherous migrant trails and heightened border security. And as President Donald Trump espouses the dangers of the southern U.S. border, the people of Arivaca [AZ] see a different reality..."

Khmara, D. (2017). Rural resistance. Available at [tucsonweekly.com/tucson/rural-resistance/Content?oid=7428674](https://tucsonweekly.com/tucson/rural-resistance/Content?oid=7428674)

**What It's Like to Be a Teen Living in an Immigration Detention Center**, Adrienne Gaffney

"Adriana had long looked forward to her 16th birthday — but when the date finally arrived, she celebrated not at home with her family and friends, but in a Texas center for immigrants that felt more like a prison.

" 'That day I didn't do anything. I just sat there and I cried and cried all day,' Adriana recalls to *Teen Vogue*. Weeks earlier, she had fled El Salvador with her mother and sister, Allison, then 13, crossing the Rio Grande in order to escape violence. When they entered the United States, they didn't have any authorization, and when they were picked up by border patrol officials, they said they were seeking asylum.

"The three have found themselves stuck in a system of family detention, where other women and children like themselves are kept under lock and key..."

Gaffney, A. (2017). What it's like to be a teen living in an immigration detention center. Available at [teenvogue.com/story/teens-living-in-immigration-detention-center](https://teenvogue.com/story/teens-living-in-immigration-detention-center)

**The US \$100 Trillion Case for Open Borders**, Neil Srnicek

"...National borders continue to block the freedom of people to move. Around the world, protectionism is on the rise, as people are told to blame outsiders for threatening their way of life and, more importantly, stealing their jobs. There is, however, an overwhelming case for open borders that can be made even in the traditionally self-interested language of economics. In fact, our best estimates are that opening the world's borders could increase global GDP by US\$100 trillion..."

Smicek, N. (2017). The US\$100 trillion case for open borders. Available at [theconversation.com/the-us-100-trillion-case-for-open-borders-72595?utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=Latest%20from%20The%20Conversation%20for%20February%2010%202017%20-%2067274916&utm\\_content=Latest%20from%20The%20Conversation%20for%20February%2010%202017%20-%2067274916+CID\\_3565d32ba3e9737a7a80397f1d6366f1&utm\\_source=campaign\\_monitor\\_us&utm\\_term=The%20US100%20trillion%20case%20for%20open%20borders](https://theconversation.com/the-us-100-trillion-case-for-open-borders-72595?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=Latest%20from%20The%20Conversation%20for%20February%2010%202017%20-%2067274916&utm_content=Latest%20from%20The%20Conversation%20for%20February%2010%202017%20-%2067274916+CID_3565d32ba3e9737a7a80397f1d6366f1&utm_source=campaign_monitor_us&utm_term=The%20US100%20trillion%20case%20for%20open%20borders)

## **US Has No Way to Measure Border Wall Effectiveness**, Elliot Spagat

"...The United States does not have a way to measure how well fencing works to deter illegal crossings from Mexico, according to a report released Thursday by Congress' main watchdog ...

"The Government Accountability Office said the government spent \$2.3 billion from 2007 to 2015 to extend fences to 654 miles of the nearly 2,000-mile border and more to repair them.

"Despite those investments, the Customs and Border Protection agency 'cannot measure the contribution of fencing to border security operations along the southwest border because it has not developed metrics for this assessment,' the agency said in a 75-page review..."

Spagat, E. (2017). US has no way to measure border wall effectiveness. Available at [apnews.com/06debc30713a4c28a0dec1a2470e8b7c](https://apnews.com/06debc30713a4c28a0dec1a2470e8b7c)

## **Beyond Rhetoric: "Sanctuary" in Practice**, César Cuauhtémoc García Hernández

"...Beyond pronouncements of 'sanctuary,' cities and states can protect the immigrant community by guaranteeing legal representation to all—no matter their immigration status.

"...[L]ocal elected officials can ensure that no immigrant member of their community must enter an immigration courthouse without legal assistance... [C]ities could immediately agree to create an immigrant legal defense fund. Currently there is no federal right to government-funded attorneys in immigration proceedings. This is an enormous moral failing embedded into existing immigration law..."

Hernández, C. (2017). Beyond rhetoric: "Sanctuary" in practice. Available at [nacla.org/news/2017/02/17/beyond-rhetoric-%E2%80%9Csanctuary%E2%80%9D-practice](https://nacla.org/news/2017/02/17/beyond-rhetoric-%E2%80%9Csanctuary%E2%80%9D-practice)

## **Hispanic Migrants: Back to Square One**, Aljazeera Media Network

"El Salvador, Honduras and Guatemala form what is known as Central America's 'Northern Triangle.' The region is overrun by organised crime and gangs, resulting from violent civil wars that rocked the three countries in the 1980s.

"According to a report from the UN High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), over 137,000 people from the Northern Triangle entered the US by June last year alone. Figures show that hundreds of thousands of men, women and children continue to try and flee poverty and violence in an attempt to reach the United States at any price.

"...El Salvador has the highest murder rate in the world, and according to the 2016 El Salvador Crime and Safety Report conducted by the US Overseas Security Advisory Council, almost one-quarter of all Salvadorans were victims of crime in 2015. Salvadorans travel by land across Guatemala into Mexico - arguably the most dangerous part of the journey - where countless migrants are robbed, kidnapped, raped and/or killed by Mexican criminal gangs that control the route.

"Since President Donald Trump renewed his vow to build an impenetrable wall to keep undocumented migrants out, traffickers - commonly known as 'coyotes' - have raised their fees, trying to cash in on desperation to reach the land of the American dream before it's too late..."

Aljazeera Media Network (2017). Hispanic migrants: Back to square one. Available at [ljazeera.com/programmes/talktoaljazeera/inthefield/2017/02/hispanic-migrants-square-170218084300237.html](https://aljazeera.com/programmes/talktoaljazeera/inthefield/2017/02/hispanic-migrants-square-170218084300237.html)

## **Film**

**Postcommodity Reimagines the US-Mexico Borderlands in 'Through the Repellent Fence'**, Brittany Stigler

"In Sam Wainwright Douglas's new documentary, *Through the Repellent Fence: A Land Art Film*, the theoretical divide between wall and border proves to be more than the stuff of geopolitical debate, becoming, instead, a potential site of transnational healing and self-determination.

"Premiering at MoMA's [Museum of Modern Art] Doc Fortnight 2017 series less than a month after President Trump issued an executive order calling for the immediate expansion of the U.S.-Mexico wall, *Through the Repellent Fence* documents the installation of Postcommodity's massive land art project, *Repellent Fence* (2015). A binational, ephemeral fence built across the U.S.-Mexico border., *Repellent Fence* featured 26 enlarged replica 'scare eye' bird chaser balloons staked equidistantly [more...]

over a two-mile-stretch of land, stitching together the sister cities of Douglas, Arizona and Agua Prieta, Mexico. To stress the temporality of constructed barriers, the piece was designed to last only four days. Douglas's documentary acts as a record of this event and its communal significance within the border towns it joined.

Stigler, B. (2017). Postcommodity reimagines the US-Mexico borderlands in 'Through the Repellent Fence.' Available at [news.artnet.com/exhibitions/postcommodity-reimagines-fence-865655?utm\\_campaign=artnetnews&utm\\_source=021917daily&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_term=artnet%20News%20Daily%20Newsletter%20USE](https://news.artnet.com/exhibitions/postcommodity-reimagines-fence-865655?utm_campaign=artnetnews&utm_source=021917daily&utm_medium=email&utm_term=artnet%20News%20Daily%20Newsletter%20USE)



Photo: Michael Lundgren. Courtesy of Postcommodity.

*Art*

**Jacob Lawrence: The Great Migration**, The Phillips Collection

"More than 75 years ago, a young artist named Jacob Lawrence set to work on an ambitious 60-panel series portraying the Great Migration, the flight of over a million African Americans from the rural South to the industrial North following the outbreak of World War I...

"Following the example of the West African storyteller or griot, who spins tales of the past that have meaning for the present and the future, Lawrence tells a story that reminds us of our shared history and at the same time invites us to reflect on the universal theme of struggle in the world today: 'To me, migration means movement. There was conflict and struggle. But out of the struggle came a kind of power and even beauty. "And the migrants kept coming" is a refrain of triumph over adversity. If it rings true for you today, then it must still strike a chord in our American experience...'"

The Phillips Collection (2017). Jacob Lawrence: The Great Migration. Available at [rencemigration.phillipscollection.org/the-migration-series](https://rencemigration.phillipscollection.org/the-migration-series). Video: [lawrencemigration.phillipscollection.org/](https://lawrencemigration.phillipscollection.org/)



The Great Migration, Jacob Lawrence

## Video

### **A Tradition of Welcome**, from Presbyterian Disaster Assistance

"A Tradition of Welcome" is a short video about our denomination's long commitment to ministry with refugees and asylum seekers here in the U.S. and around the world. This video highlights the particular role of PDA to support and equip churches to provide compassionate care to refugees seeking safety in the U.S., known as asylum seekers. In his recent letter on the escalating violence by ISIS, Gradye Parsons, our Stated Clerk, encourages us to 'Choose Welcome, Not Fear...'

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (2017). A Tradition of Welcome. Available at [vimeo.com/146642258](https://vimeo.com/146642258)

## Reflect

"Sin...is not what it is usually thought to be; it is not to steal and tell lies. Sin is for one [person] to walk brutally over the life of another and to be quite oblivious of the wounds [they] have left behind." -- Shūsaku Endō

## Scripture

Speak out for those who cannot speak, for the rights of all the destitute. Speak out, judge righteously, defend the rights of the poor and needy! --Proverbs 31:8

Levanta la voz por los que no tienen voz; ¡defiende a los indefensos! Levanta la voz, y hazles justicia; ¡Defiende a los pobres y a los humildes! --Proverbios 31:8

## Pray

**Pray** for the souls of Noe Rivero Roblero, age 18; Elna Lazaro, age 24; Jose Armando Rodriguez Zecada, age 38; Jose Francisco Tuyubpech Elna Lazarox, age 24; Horencio Hernandez de la Cruz, age 38; Alfredo Hernandez, age 42, and Jesus Anaja Longoria, age 30, all of whom died in the Arizona desert.

**Pray** for those whose names and whereabouts are known only to God.

Kindle the mind.  
Energize the will.  
Disturb the conscience.  
Stir the heart.

--Robert McCracken

## Action!!

**Immigration Forum: "Citizenship - Do You Qualify?" and "Know your Rights,"** Sunday, March 5, 1:30pm, Sacred Heart Catholic Church, 601 E. Ft. Lowell Rd., Tucson.

Presented by Amy Fairchild Haer, immigration lawyer for Catholic Community Services of Southern Arizona.

Sponsored by Southern Arizona Interfaith and Catholic Community Services of Southern Arizona. [facebook.com/SoAzInterfaith](https://facebook.com/SoAzInterfaith)

**Pilgrimage of Remembrance**, Sat., March 11; Sat. March 18; Fri., March 24; Tues., March 28; Douglas, AZ.

"Since the year 2000, over 6000 men, women, and children have lost their lives crossing the US-Mexico border.

"The work of this project is to remember migrants who have died in the desert in Cochise County, AZ, by planting commemorative crosses near the spots where they have died. These crosses are handmade, carried into the desert by a group of volunteers, and planted at the sites where these people have lost their lives..."

"We are a diverse and changing group located...on the US-Mexico border. We have visitors from around the world who join in our work..." [more...]

"In the month of March we will have a memorial cross planting each week. We have invited the Catholic, Episcopal and Presbyterian communities to participate with us during Lent as a 'sacrificial corporal work of mercy...'

"Here are the names of the people we will be remembering and where/when we will 'plant' their memorial cross.

" March 11, Saturday, we will remember **Ramon Contreras Ramos**, age 36, whose remains were found on 7/16/16 in Texas Canyon.

" March 18, Saturday, we will remember **Ruben Gonzalez Miranda**, age 49, whose remains were found on 7/3/02 off of Geronimo Trail.

" March 24, Friday, we will remember **Gabriel Sanchez Velasquez**, age 31, whose remains were found on 1/16/14 on Hwy. 80 East at MP 388.6.

" March 28, Tuesday, we will remember **Juan Bautista Camacho Perez**, age 29, whose remains were found 5/10/14 near Hwy. 82 and MP 51 near the Whetstone Mts.

" All are welcome to share in this experience of prayer and remembrance. **Please meet at the SSND [School Sisters of Notre Dame]. at 8:50am.** Please let me know if you will attend so that we can arrange transportation.

" **To attend the cross plantings contact Sr. Judy Bourg, [jbssnd@yahoo.com](mailto:jbssnd@yahoo.com); [crossplanting.wordpress.com/](http://crossplanting.wordpress.com/)**

" May our Lenten prayer lead us to action for justice. May we continue to welcome the Christ in all travelers."

**"Economics at the Border,"** Sun, March 19, 2pm, Desert Hills Social Center, 2980 S. Camino del Sol, Green Valley, AZ.; Border Community Alliance in partnership with FESAC [Fundación del Empresariado Sonorense, A.C.]

"...Please join us for this upcoming special event, **"Economics at the Border,"** Sunday, March 19th, 2pm at Desert Hills Social Center, 2980 S. Camino del Sol, Green Valley, AZ..

"...Do we really understand how deeply interwoven our two economics are? This Forum will give you a better picture of what's happening and what might change. Joining us are Jaime Chamberlain and Ricardo Santa Velázquez.

"Mr. Chamberlain is President of J-C Distributing Company in Nogales, Arizona and a representative of the Fresh Produce Association of the Americas. Señor Santana has served in the Mexican Foreign Service for more than 40 years and currently serves as Consul General of Mexico in Nogales, Arizona.

"**Register here:** <https://bca.z2systems.com/np/clients/bca/event.jsp?event=71>. The public is invited. This event is free; donations are welcome!"

Border Community Alliance (2017). .Economics at the border. Available at [bca.z2systems.com/np/clients/bca/event.jsp?event=71](https://bca.z2systems.com/np/clients/bca/event.jsp?event=71)

**Know Your Rights: What To Do If You're Stopped By Police, Immigration Agents or the FBI,** ACLU

"We rely on the police to keep us safe and treat us all fairly, regardless of race, ethnicity, national origin or religion. This card provides tips for interacting with police and understanding your rights..."

ACLU (2017). Know your rights: What to do if you're stopped by police, immigration agents or the FBI. Available at [aclu.org/know-your-rights/what-do-if-youre-stopped-police-immigration-agents-or-fbi](http://aclu.org/know-your-rights/what-do-if-youre-stopped-police-immigration-agents-or-fbi)

**Do You Know Your Rights?,** ACLU.

"These easy-to-use resources were created by the ACLU so you can have your rights at your fingertips..."

ACLU (2017). Do you know your rights? Available at [aclu.org/know-your-rights](http://aclu.org/know-your-rights).

**Know Your Rights: A Collection of Resources,** CLINIC (Catholic Legal Immigration Network Inc.)

**[Links to]** *Know Your Rights: A Guide to Workplace Rights for Immigrants; Know Your Rights: A Guide to Your Rights When Interacting with Law Enforcement; Know Your Rights: A Resource for Students, Parents and Guardians*

Catholic Legal Immigration Network Inc. (2017). Know your rights: A collection of resources. Available at [cliniclegal.org/resources/know-your-rights?utm\\_source=CLINIC+Mail&utm\\_campaign=78d2830ad3-CLINIC\\_Daily\\_2-5-17&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_term=0\\_a33179621a-78d2830ad3-279175429](http://cliniclegal.org/resources/know-your-rights?utm_source=CLINIC+Mail&utm_campaign=78d2830ad3-CLINIC_Daily_2-5-17&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_a33179621a-78d2830ad3-279175429)

### **Sanctuary Movement Sees Post-Election Resurgence. Here's How to Get Involved**, Donna Schaper

"...[I]n the New Sanctuary Movement, we find a profound mutuality of stranger and guest. We lose the sense of a citizen and alien invader, or living in a *fort* and instead live in a *port*, just because we sense our humanity in the humanities of each other.

"...[B]reaking a law of the state to follow a higher law is a long-standing religious tradition. It should never be done lightly and it can carry consequences. To date, however, no church had been prosecuted or harassed for giving any type of sanctuary, including physical housing...

"So here, I offer you and your communities a six-step guide for how to offer physical sanctuary.

- Pay more attention to the *whys* than to the *hows*...Resources are available to walk you through the planning; e.g., [this tool-kit](#).
- Get congregational support...
- If possible, get an official statement of why you are doing what you do...
- Work on multiple levels. DO NOT do anything without first consulting with the immigrants who are impacted by your actions; they are your essential partners, both in handling the planning as well as the doing, the difficulties as well as the successes...
- Pray often and make your objective as humble as possible...Think, 'we are doing this little thing,' along with many others who are doing a little thing.'
- Be prepared for lots of surprises..."

Schaper, D. (2016). Sanctuary movement sees post-election resurgence. Here's how to get involved. Available at [sojo.net/articles/sanctuary-movement-sees-post-election-resurgence-heres-how-get-involved](http://sojo.net/articles/sanctuary-movement-sees-post-election-resurgence-heres-how-get-involved)

### **The Inn Project**, Desert Southwest Conference, The United Methodist Church

"Last week [12/12/2016], our Bishop received a request from Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) representatives for assistance in providing shelter for children and their parents. These are vulnerable asylum and refugee families housed in units around Arizona. ICE requests that the churches help by providing a more humane place to stay as they transition and travel to family members...You can be part of the love expressed by responding in whatever way Jesus is calling you to act...

"Two of our churches are stepping up to be host sites... One will house mothers with children, and the other will house fathers with children. ICE officials have assisted in preparing the churches to receive the young families, and the first families will [have arrived] on Tuesday, December 13...Estimates indicate between 10 to 50 children and parents at the host sites per day.

"... Money is needed to provide blankets, mats, car seats, food, etc. [S]end your contribution to Desert Southwest Conference, 1550 E. Meadowbrook Ave., Phoenix, AZ, 85014,... memo **The Inn Project**. We also need volunteers. [Click here to give online, register as a volunteer, or to commit to pray.](#)

Desert Southwest Conference/The United Methodist Church (2016). The Inn Project. Available at [dscumc.org/2016/12/the-inn-project/](http://dscumc.org/2016/12/the-inn-project/)

### **The Casa Alitas Program: Aid for Migrant Women and Children**, Catholic Community Services of Southern Arizona

**"Casa Alitas desperately needs more volunteers for daytime shifts, for overnight stays at Casa Alitas as needed, and to provide direct-service leadership roles at the program on a consistent basis.**

"...ICE and CBP have been releasing an increasing number of women and children to this program...If you can volunteer or have questions, please contact Sydney Tuller, Alitas Volunteer Coordinator, at [alitas@ccs-soaz.org](mailto:alitas@ccs-soaz.org) or at 520-903-8091. More information: [ccs-soaz.org/agencies-ministries/detail/alitas-aid-for-migrant-women-and-children](http://ccs-soaz.org/agencies-ministries/detail/alitas-aid-for-migrant-women-and-children)

"The Alitas Program, a small home in Tucson staffed by volunteers, serves migrant mothers with children and pregnant women who have been released by Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), may travel to join family members already in the United States, and are awaiting an immigration hearing

"Our Hospitality Center gives travelers a safe place to rest, rehydrate, eat, and care for their children. We provide a change of clothes, hygiene items, and a chance to wash up. Volunteers greet the travelers and help them contact family members and arrange bus transportation. Women and children receive travel bags filled with essential items before they leave. Travelers who are unable to depart the day they are released may spend the night at the home of a trusted volunteer or at Casa Alitas. [more...]



"Please bring donations of...items, especially unscented deodorant since it's gender-neutral, pack backs, two-pocket folders, and travel blankets, to Catholic Community Services, 140 W. Speedway (north entrance), Suite 130, Tucson; Monday - Friday, 8:30am - 5:00pm. For a list of additional items to donate: [ccs-soaz.org/docs/default-source/default-document-library/requested-donations-for-immigrant-women-and-children-as-of-september-26-014.pdf?sfvrsn=0...](https://ccs-soaz.org/docs/default-source/default-document-library/requested-donations-for-immigrant-women-and-children-as-of-september-26-014.pdf?sfvrsn=0...)

**"Alitas currently has a surplus of clothes and toys.**

"Cash donations are gratefully accepted. Please make checks payable to and send to Catholic Community Services, 140 W. Speedway, Suite 230, Tucson, AZ, 85705; memo 'for immigrant women and children.' "

**Catholic Community Services of Southern Arizona (2016). The Alitas Program: Aid for Migrant Women and Children. Available at [ccs-soaz.org/agencies-ministries/detail/alitas-aid-for-migrant-women-and-children](https://ccs-soaz.org/agencies-ministries/detail/alitas-aid-for-migrant-women-and-children)**

### **Welcome to Border Community Alliance!**

"*Border Community Alliance* offers access to the rich heritage and great potential of the US/Mexico borderlands of Arizona/Sonora through education, research, cultural exchange, and advocacy for social welfare in partnership with FESAC [Fundación del Empressariado Sonorense, A.C.] , a Sonora/MX NGO.

"We believe in social investment, not charity; we respect the cultures and traditions of both Mexico and the US.; we value working with like-minded organizations and individuals on both sides of the border; we welcome participation in our programs regardless of one's viewpoint of immigration.

" BCA offers cross border tours from Nogales, AZ, to Nogales, Sonora, MX...This **Nogales Orientation Tour** is an introduction to what is happening along the US-Mexico border...The tour ends with a conversation with US Consulate staff. Tour dates: March 16, April 6 and 27, May 11 and 25.

"We've added three new tours...:

**"Magdalena:...** Sixty 60 miles south of Nogales, Magdalena has been designated a 'Magical Pueblo' because of its historic and colonial charm. This tour look[s] back to the past and [at] the contemporary challenges of a small Mexican city. Tour dates: March 25, April 22 and 29, May 18.

**"Cowboys to Vaqueros:** The Santa Cruz River...valley is an extremely important and vital agricultural area with ranching and farming on both sides of the border. Its unique setting makes it a special place for bird watching and wildlife. This tour follows the riverbed on both sides of the border. Tour dates: March 24, April 28.

**"Kitchens of Nogales:** This gastronomic tour of modern Nogales will clarify the regional characteristics of our culinary vibrant southern neighbor in situ while providing a local historical background ...This tour takes you...into Nogales to the gastronomic zone of local *Nogalenses*... Tour dates: March 19, April 7 and 22, May 12 and 16.

"[Visit our website](#) to register and learn more... "

Border Community Alliance (2016). Welcome to Border Community Alliance! Available at [bordercommunityalliance.org/](https://bordercommunityalliance.org/)

**El Tiradito Community Vigil**, every Thursday, El Tiradito Shrine, 7:00pm; Main St. between Simpson and Cushing Sts., Tucson

Join members of the local immigration reform community to remember our brothers and sisters who perished or are lost in the desert and learn about recent developments in US immigration and border policies.

This is an early evening of music, fellowship, prayer, and reflection. You can attend with friends, family or by yourself. The vigil is held every Thursday and is sponsored by Derechos Humanos. [derechoshumanosaz.net](https://derechoshumanosaz.net)

### **Operation Streamline**

Operation Streamline is the "fast track" legal process created for the purpose of deporting undocumented migrants. Operation Streamline proceedings occur every weekday afternoon in the Evo Deconcini U.S. Courthouse, Special Procedures Courtroom, Second Floor, 405 W. Congress.

Bring an official photo ID; you will go through metal detectors and a security check. Cameras or any other form of electronic capturing, recording, broadcasting or transmitting devices, including cell phones, are prohibited in the courtroom. This prohibition is enforced inconsistently; it is advised that you leave your cellphone in your car.

The hearing **starts at around 1:15 pm**; doors are usually locked until shortly before that time. The hearing will last **1-1/2 – 3 hours**. If you leave before the procedure is concluded you will not be re-admitted to the courtroom. Citizen observers are almost always in attendance.

Public parking is available at the city/state employee lot at 498 E. Congress; enter from the alley between the Circle K and the west side of the parking structure. Other parking facilities are nearby. [more...]

Background on Operation Streamline: *Immigrant Criminalization At The Border*, Matt Lowen (2016), [afsc.org/blogs/news-and-commentary/immigrant-criminalization-border](http://afsc.org/blogs/news-and-commentary/immigrant-criminalization-border), and *The Work of Ending Operation Streamline*, Laura Martinez (2016), [nomoredeaths.org/the-work-of-ending-operation-streamline/](http://nomoredeaths.org/the-work-of-ending-operation-streamline/)

**Fuentes Rojas / Bordando por la Paz, Memoria y Justicia: Red Fountains / We Embroider for Peace, Memory and Justice.**

**Fuentes Rojas (Red Fountains)** originated in Mexico City in 2011 to raise visibility for the victims of the US-Mexico Drug War that has resulted in systemic violence in Mexico and the deaths of at least 180,000 people. Many victims were innocent bystanders of random or targeted violence. Some were friends or relatives of people in drug cartels or members of the cartels. All were children of God, worthy to be mourned and remembered.

To make their voices heard, Fuentes Rojas members organized **Bordando por la Paz, Memoria y Justicia** to create a memorial for **every** victim of Drug War violence. Members of **Fuentes Rojas** embroider, in red thread on a man's white handkerchief, known details of the victim's death based on police records. The completed *pañuelos*, or handkerchiefs, are mailed to Fuentes Rojas organizers in Mexico City to be used in public actions.

The movement has spread around the world, to Latin America, Europe, Asia and across the US.

For more information, a list of inexpensive and easily available supplies and to receive instruction on how to participate, contact Suzanne, [borderimmigrationmin@stphilipstucson.org](mailto:borderimmigrationmin@stphilipstucson.org). Also [facebook.com/fuentes.rojas.5?fref=ts](https://www.facebook.com/fuentes.rojas.5?fref=ts)

**One Handkerchief – One Life.**

**Humane Borders**

"Humane Borders, motivated by faith and the universal need for kindness, maintains a system of water stations in the Sonoran Desert on routes used by migrants making the perilous journey here on foot. Our primary mission is to save desperate people from a horrible death by dehydration and exposure and to create a just and humane environment in the borderlands. We locate our water stations on government and privately owned land with permission from the landowners.

"Founded in the summer of the year 2000, Humane Borders, Inc. is a non-profit corporation run almost exclusively by volunteers...Our focus is strictly humanitarian assistance. Border crossing may be illegal, but it shouldn't be a death sentence..." (520) 398-5053. Humane Borders (2016). Available at [humaneborders.org](http://humaneborders.org)

**Save the Date: Migrant Trail 2017**, May 29 - June 4, 2017

"...The Migrant Trail... is a 75-mile walk from Sasabe, Sonora [MX], to Tucson.

"...We are a spiritually diverse, multi-cultural group who walk together on a journey of peace to remember people, friends and family who have died, others who have crossed, and people who continue to come. We bear witness to the tragedy of death and of the inhumanity in our midst. Lastly, we make this sacred journey as a community, in defiance of the borders that attempt to divide us, committed to working together for the human dignity of all peoples.

"Mandatory Orientation on Sunday, May 28, for all full-week participants.

The Migrant Trail (2017). Migrant Trail 2017. Available at [azmigranttrail.com/](http://azmigranttrail.com/)

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**To subscribe or unsubscribe, please contact** Suzanne Hesh, [borderimmigrationmin@stphilipstucson.org](mailto:borderimmigrationmin@stphilipstucson.org), St. Philips in the Hills Episcopal Church, PO Box 65840, Tucson, Arizona 85728

**St. Philips in the Hills Border and Immigration Ministry Mission Statement:** In recognition of the Biblical call to welcome, honor, respect and care for the stranger among us and in accordance with the Gospel imperative to serve all God's children equally regardless of national origin or status, the mission of the St. Philips Border and Immigration Ministry is to:

- Provide St. Philips parishioners with time and space for spiritual and civil dialog about border and immigration issues.
- Offer transformative educational opportunities that encourage compassionate response to the needs of immigrants.
- Join the larger community in advocating for humane and just resolution of the immigration crisis.
- Pursue active roles in local border and immigration events, organizations and ministries.
- Provide direct humanitarian aid in the form of physical and spiritual support to migrants.
- Seek continual spiritual growth in our own lives and strengthen our relationship with Jesus Christ.