



Become an Immigrant Welcoming Congregation

The Chicago New Sanctuary Coalition (CNSC) is an interfaith coalition of religious leaders, congregations and communities, called by our faith to respond actively and publicly to the suffering of our immigrant sisters and brothers.

Through prayer, reflection, education, relationship building and action we will welcome immigrants and collectively work to bring that welcoming spirit to the whole community.

1. Exploring our Faith

Start with your faith. Have an opening session with a core group from your congregation to learn about what your faith says about welcoming immigrants and how to talk about immigration issues.



2. Education and Relationships for Transformation

Host an education event for a larger group in your congregation and build relationships with immigrants who are directly affected.

3. Prayerful Action

Through prayer and religious practice, find ways to be present with our immigrant sisters and brothers.

4. Affirming Our Commitment

Have a service that blesses and affirms your congregation's commitment to being an "Immigrant Welcoming Congregation" that engages the larger congregation, celebrates leaders who will help carry the ministry forward, and commit to be a part of the wider interfaith movement working for immigrant justice.

Living Out Our Commitment to being an "Immigrant Welcoming Congregation"

1. Emergency Response

Deportation leads to broken families, children without parents, and families without breadwinners. As people of faith, we have a duty to respond and support the immigrant community in concrete ways.

2. Public Action

When and where we see cases of injustice we will use our collective voice to actively take a public, moral stand for immigrant justice and human rights.

3. Continued Education and Relationships for Transformation

We know that learning is a continuous process and that living out our faith is never complete and we will continue to explore our faith, learn about current immigration issues and build relationships with our immigrant sisters and brothers.



For more information on how to join the Chicago New Sanctuary Coalition and explore how you and your congregation can get involved please contact:

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