

New Hampshire Immigrant Solidarity Network
Support, Accompaniment, Advocacy, & Sanctuary

E pluribus unum- Out of many, one. This is a core statement of our identity as a nation and speaks of one of the fundamental ideals of who we are as a people; that we as a nation of immigrants seeking a better life come together and work together to forge out of our diversity and shared humanity a sense of common purpose to be a beacon of light and hope for the rest of the world. This treasured principle is anchored in our shared commitment to loving our neighbor and offering hospitality to the stranger. This is what has made our nation great. This is our strength; this is the very fabric of who we are.

Rooted in our heritage, grounded in the fundamental precepts of our faith and practice, we come together to place ourselves in reverence before the spirit seeking assistance as we bear witness to stand in solidarity with all immigrants, with people of all color, documented and undocumented. The urgency of this moment of our nation's history calls us, compels us to stand against the unconscionable acts of deportation by Immigration and Custom Enforcement (ICE) and the immoral expressions of racism that are currently tearing families apart and seeking to fragment and divide us as a nation.

Therefore, we the undersigned members of the New Hampshire faith community place ourselves in solidarity with our immigrant neighbors, and join with other people of faith and practice, of all traditions, in opposing the separation of families and the tearing apart of the fabric of our community.

Therefore, we the undersigned faith community endorse the objectives, strategies, and tactics of the New Hampshire Immigrant Solidarity Network. We hereby pledge our faith, our time, our energy, our prayers, and our resources to the Network. We will do everything in our power, along with people of conscience and good will throughout our state, to provide support, accompaniment, advocacy, and/or sanctuary in solidarity with our immigrant friends and neighbors.

Please sign on as a Faith Community OR as a Faith Leader/Community Leader

Name of Faith Community _____

Location of Community _____

Name & Title _____ Date _____

Name of Faith/Community Leader _____

Please return form to: Granite State Organizing Project 383 Beech St Manchester 03103 granitestateop@comcast.net

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Who are we?

We are people of faith organized through the Granite State Organizing Project (GSOP) and allied groups to respond to the fear and anxiety in our community as a result of an increase in immigration enforcement, heightened law enforcement and random acts of hate.

Each faith community determines for itself what role they will play in the Network and what level of support they will offer.

Accompaniment:

- *If an immigrant has to report to ICE:* Under new rules of the Trump Administration, many immigrants who for years have reported to ICE for scheduled check-ins and been allowed to stay in the U.S. have now been prioritized for deportation. We will accompany immigrants as they report to ICE and organize the community vigils for support.

Support & Advocacy:

- *If an immigrant is detained by ICE:* We will offer support to families as they navigate life without their detained loved one and work to get them released. This could include rides, food, childcare, making appointments, housing, financial assistance, etc.; going with them to court hearings; and engaging elected officials & organizing vigils/public actions around the case.

Sanctuary:

- *If a person fears deportation:* Some congregations may decide to offer sanctuary to a person who fears deportation and separation from their family. Sanctuary is a public act of civil disobedience.

Rapid Response:

- *If there is an ICE raid:* When we get a call that a raid is happening, we will call the teams to the site of the raid to hold a prayer vigil, document what happens, and be a presence for the family.
- *If there is an act of violence or hate (e.g. bomb threats or vandalism at mosques, synagogues, etc.):* Our network will support those targeted and work with them to organize public events, engage with local officials to respond, and find other ways to stand in solidarity.