

WHAT DO SANCTUARY CONGREGATIONS DO?

They commit to walk alongside immigrants, mixed-status families, refugees and other targeted communities to uphold the dignity, due process, full acceptance, and participation of all people in our society through protection, support, and advocacy.

Here are **four ways** congregations engage in Sanctuary. Each congregation decides how to embody these activities sustainably in their own community.

Advocacy for Immigration Justice

- **Advocate** at the local, state, and national level for policies that protect the due process of immigrants and promote their full dignity and integration into local communities.
- **Advocate** for policies that help to prevent mass deportation and fear by creating clear separation between Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) and local law enforcement and civic institutions.
- **Engage** in local public actions and activities to shift public discourse about immigrants, Muslims, and refugees, and address root causes.

Accompaniment of Immigrant Families or Youth

- **Provide** courtroom accompaniment, access to services, and concrete and emotional support and/or transitional housing to help those in crisis. These may include newly arrived families, unaccompanied minors, people facing deportation crisis, and those just released from detention centers.

Networks of Protection & Rapid Response

- **Join** a Rapid Response Network to respond to ICE workplace raids, home raids or other enforcement activity.
- **Nurture** relationships with targeted communities and develop networks of protection.
- **Help** other Sanctuary congregations who are providing physical Sanctuary to provide assistance with hospitality, protection, and advocacy.

Physical Sanctuary for Someone Facing Final Deportation

- **Offer** Sanctuary for a person facing final deportation orders in a humanitarian emergency. These people tend to be long-term residents with family and community ties to the area, who have exhausted all other legal options to remain in the U.S.
- **Provide** physical sanctuary on religious property as a way to protect immigrants from the reach of ICE.