

I was a stranger and you invited me in. Matthew 25:35

Vigil and Fast in Solidarity with Immigrant Families

Binkley Baptist Church

March 13-14, 2010

Sponsored by Peace and Justice Action of Binkley Baptist Church

*The alien who
resides with you
shall be to you as
the citizen among
you; you shall love
the alien as yourself,
for you were aliens
in the land of Egypt:
I am the Lord your
God.*

Leviticus 19:34

We are concerned about the plight of our immigrant sisters and brothers. We have set aside a time to focus on these concerns as we bring them to God. Join us, as you are able, in the following events.

We invite you to a vigil – to pray, to learn, to discern – in solidarity with immigrant families suffering from arbitrary enforcement of unjust deportation policies.

Saturday, March 13, 2010, 6:00 – 7:00 pm, Binkley Chapel

We invite you to fast, in whatever way you choose to participate in this discipline. We fast in solidarity with our immigrant neighbors, many of whom are driven by hunger and poverty to cross dangerous borders.

Sunday, March 13, 2010, 6:00 pm – Sunday, March 14, 2010, 12:30 pm

We invite you to break the fast and prepare for further action. A simple lunch will be provided by our friends from Iglesia Unida.

Sunday, March 14, 2010, 12:30 – 1:30 pm, Binkley Fellowship Hall

We also invite you to bring the money you would have spent for food this weekend and contribute it to a fund for immigrant university students.

To RSVP or for more information contact
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Immigration Information Resources

North Carolina Council of Churches

As people of faith and conscience, we recognize that while the issue of immigration is complex, our calling is to welcome the stranger and offer hospitality and justice to the migrant and refugee, regardless of legal status... Religious communities must look to our scripture and faith traditions which call us to welcome the stranger, promote hospitality, and seek justice.

www.welcometheimmigrant.org



Facing Deportation

Isabel has learned to live with fear. That is what she must do to remain with her family.

She came to the U.S. at the age of 13. Today, she is 29. Her whole family — including her daughter — is documented, but she is not. She has considered returning to Mexico, but her life and her world is here. She does not know her birth country well enough to survive there. With the current laws, she has no option of becoming documented. At this time, even applying for residency would bring a penalty of 10 years in Mexico for having entered illegally. So, Isabel waits for the laws to change and prays that she is not unmasked in the interim.

www.facingdeportation.org

Reform Immigration for America

Our vision of reform includes immigrants and native-born U.S. citizens working shoulder to shoulder to achieve better wages, working conditions, and labor protections. That's our vision for a stronger America – for families, for workers, for businesses, and for security. The family is the basic unit of our society, and immigrants who have the support of strong families are more likely to contribute to society, pay taxes, and start businesses that create jobs. But our broken immigration system divides families and keeps loved ones apart for years and even decades

www.reformimmigrationforamerica.org

National Ministries

American Baptist Churches USA

We call for immigration reform because each day in our congregations, service programs, health-care facilities, and schools we witness the human consequences of a broken and outdated system. We see the exploitation of undocumented workers and the plight of separated families, as well as the escalation of community fear due to indiscriminate raids and local police acting as federal immigration agents. Humane immigration reform would help put an end to this suffering, which offends the dignity of all human beings.

www.nationalministries.org

Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)

Immigrants, both documented and undocumented are members of Christ's body and our communities. As we work together to discern the prophetic hospitality we are to offer the stranger in our midst, we hope these resources will inspire you reach out to families desiring to provide their children with the American dream and learn how immigrants contribute to the fabric of American society and culture.

www.pcusa.org/immigration/getinformed.htm

Trail of Dreams

On January 1, 2010, a group of four courageous students embarked on a 1,500-mile walk from their home in Miami, FL, to Washington, D.C. They are walking to share their stories, so that everyday Americans understand what it's like for the millions of immigrants, especially young people, unable to fully participate in society. It's time that our country come together to fix a failed system that keeps millions in the shadows, with no pathway to a better life.



www.trail2010.org