A CALL TO ACTIONS

The more we are able to look our human family in the eye, the more we are able to see the face of god.

Based on scripture and Quaker faith, PYM Latin American Concerns Committee has compiled this information to facilitate your exploration and participation in actions that promote the humanitarian treatment of immigrants and refugees.

Pray knowing that your prayers will lead to action.

Share your financial resources with those involved in the work.

Contact your Congress representatives and senators OFTEN. The FCNL will connect you directly to your senators. FCNL.org.

Write op-eds for your local newspaper

Sign on to some national campaigns putting political pressure on D.C. Here are a couple:

• #notwithoutmychild Campaign
• World Relief Campaign

Take the next 100 days to get involved in a local campaign supporting people who have come out publicly against these horrific practices.

Volunteer at a shelter for Unaccompanied Alien Children (UACs) in your area (over 100 nationally). It is a rigorous process to become a volunteer, but it is possible. Research is needed to find a UAC in your area.

Volunteer at legal aid clinics where asylum families will go, should they make it that far, for help with their asylum cases. Join efforts with some local advocacy groups that are dedicated to immigrant asylum seekers
For current information for letter writing and representative visitation:

**Friends Committee on National Legislation**  fcnl.org/immigration  
Contact Hannah Evans  hannah@fcnl.org  
(800) 630-1330

**Friends Committee on Legislation of California**  fclca.org  
fcladmin@fclca.org  916-443-3734

Topics for letter writing and visits to representatives:
1. Address the root causes of migration including poverty, lack of education (see LACC plenary presentation by Miguel Costop)
2. Stop the arbitrary separation of children from family members
3. Regulations that require that family reunification be investigated and pursued for children whose families reside in a foreign country before adoption in the US can be recommended.
4. Require that all facilities housing children be licensed by the state and establish teams of members from professional organizations (doctors, nurses, social workers, etc.) that have to right to enter facilities at-will to investigate compliance and child safety.
5. Enforce 8 US Code 1158 Asylum can be requested anywhere inside the US, not just point of entry

**American Friends Service Committee**  afsc.org  
There are 3 specific programs. See website for particulars and to print posters.
1. Sanctuary Everywhere
2. Immigrant detention and Deportation
3. US Mexico border militarization

Other actions:
1. Visit detention centers.
2. Be a witness in immigration hearings.
3. Accompany an asylum seeker through the court process.
4. Become a sanctuary or support sanctuaries in your area.
5. Sponsor an immigrant or support sponsors in your area.
Other Immigration resources:

**Interfaith Movement for Human Integrity**  im4humanintegrity.org
Rev. Deborah Lee  dlee@im4humanintegrity.org  (415) 534-5620

**Lutheran Immigration and Refuge Service**  www.lirs.org

**Catholic Charities** - There are local offices assisting immigrants in many locations and opportunities to volunteer and get involved.  www.catholiccharitiesusa.org  Go to Stop Family Separation, then Ways to Help. There is a message you can send to US Reps and Senators.

**School of the Americas Watch**  soaw.org  Go to the SOA Watch Border Encuentro 2018 Nov. 16-18. Contact Jim Summers (poozles@hotmail.com) for information about PYMers attending.

**ACLU** – aclu.org  representing parents and children separated

**RAICES -- #Reunite Every Child**  www.raicestexas.org

If you have resources that you would like to add to this list, please submit to Donna Smith  dforestvil@aol.com

**Addressing Root Causes of Migration:**
El Salvador Project  www.pafmelsalvadorprojects.org
Guatemala Friends Scholarship Program  www.guatemalafriends.org

**Addressing International Refugee Relief:**
Casa de los Amigos  www.casadelosamigos.org

**Addressing DACA /Dreamer support:**
Sacramento Friends Meeting Undocumented Student Scholarship  www.quakerundocumentedstudentscholarship.org

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