

## 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](http://fcnl.org/immigration)

Contact Hannah Evans [hannah@fcnl.org](mailto:hannah@fcnl.org)  
(800) 630-1330

**Friends Committee on Legislation of California** [fclca.org](http://fclca.org)

[fcladmin@fclca.org](mailto: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 the 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](http://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](mailto: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](http://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](mailto:poozles@hotmail.com)) for information about PYMers attending.

**ACLU** – [aclu.org](http://aclu.org) representing parents and children separated

**RAICES -- #Reunite Every Child** [www.raicestexas.org](http://www.raicestexas.org)

If you have resources that you would like to add to this list, please submit to Donna Smith [dforestvil@aol.com](mailto:dforestvil@aol.com)

### **Addressing Root Causes of Migration:**

El Salvador Project [www.pafmelsalvadorprojects.org](http://www.pafmelsalvadorprojects.org)

Guatemala Friends Scholarship Program [www.guatemalafriends.org](http://www.guatemalafriends.org)

### **Addressing International Refugee Relief:**

Casa de los Amigos [www.casadelosamigos.org](http://www.casadelosamigos.org)

### **Addressing DACA /Dreamer support:**

Sacramento Friends Meeting Undocumented Student Scholarship

[www.quakerundocumentedstudentscholarship.org](http://www.quakerundocumentedstudentscholarship.org)

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