



# Immigration Justice

Our Faith Our Vote: Issue Education Resource

## Where Does the UCC Stand on Immigration Justice?

The United Church of Christ has a long history of solidarity in the struggle for dignity and human rights for immigrants, asylum seekers, and refugees. We do this through a network of grassroots leaders in the UCC National Collaborative on Immigration working to share a prophetic stance and lift up the voices of impacted leaders. Over 25 General Synod Resolutions on migrant justice since 1975 demonstrate our continued support for immigration justice:

- [A Resolution on Becoming an Immigrant Welcoming Church](#) (General Synod 31, 2017)
- [Resolution Supporting Compassionate Comprehensive Immigration Reform and the Protection of the Human Rights of Immigrants](#) (General Synod 29, 2013)
- [A Resolution Responding to the Federal Government's Attack on Immigrants, Migrants, and Refugees](#) (General Synod 35, 2025)

UCC congregations work closely with impacted communities, immigrants' rights organizations, and service agencies to accompany asylum seekers, refugees, and other migrants to advocate for just immigration reforms that include a pathway to citizenship. Global HOPE's Refugee and Migration Services resources this work of advocacy and accompaniment through MIRA (Migration, Immigration, Refugee, Asylee) grants to UCC congregations, associations, and conferences.

## Prayer

*God of mercy, whose son Jesus was a refugee, a migrant, and immigrant, you are our constant amidst turmoil, suffering, and heartache. We ask for your protection over and peace and safety for all migrants, near and far. We center those forced to leave their homes, those without food, water, and shelter, and those being detained and deported. Bring us a fresh wind where all may see and recognize the face of Jesus in the face of the migrant. In your holy, gracious name, we pray. Amen.*

## Want to learn more?

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## Questions for Candidates

- How will you help keep families together and welcome migrants who come to this country for a better life?
- The historic importance of the right to claim asylum and seek safety from harm is embedded in international law and has long held bipartisan support in the U.S. through the refugee admissions program. How will you work to restore the U.S. Refugee Admissions Program and protect the rights of asylum seekers?

## Take Additional Action

- Connect with the [Interfaith Immigration Coalition](#), a group that advocates for just and compassionate immigration reform, as well as the human rights of migrants.
- Become an [Immigrant Welcoming Congregation](#) and join the Sanctuary Movement.
- Subscribe to [Church World Service's daily State of Play newsletter](#) to stay updated on news related to immigration and refugee justice.
- Call on Congress to pass the [Protecting Sensitive Locations Act](#), pass the [NO Ban Act](#), and refuse to add funding to the over \$100 billion [ICE and CBP](#) have already received this year.