



- **SOLIDARITY & SANCTUARY**

In the wake of the government's recent actions, providing sanctuary and pushing for welcoming city policies are some of the ways communities can resist the divisive and racially charged policies the Trump administration is enacting. Sanctuary has long been a way to provide physical safe space to those who are victims of unjust laws, and a way for communities to powerfully enact and embody their commitment to justice. However, we are learning that the best ways to protect and support multiple communities at risk of unwarranted targeting is to address the issues they face through local policies, which reduce and resist criminalization of immigrants, Muslims, and people of color. Together, with the UUA and other partners, UUSC has embarked on an ambitious campaign to support the work of "welcoming communities" who seek to offer sanctuary, support, and solidarity. We are compiling examples of best practice policies for cities, counties, and school systems, and will soon share an easy-to-use guide online.

Over 12,000 individuals, congregations, and organizations have joined us in this effort by signing the [Declaration of Conscience](#), a pledge to put our values into action in the coming days. Please [add your name](#) if you haven't already and encourage clergy, congregations, and organizations to endorse as well!

<http://connect.uusc.org/l/103112/2017-01-17/gpgn2>

- Hudson Valley Community Coalition: Share the number to report ICE activity. Sign up for United We Dream 'Here To Stay' Network <http://bit.ly/2kvoujk>