

Over 60,000 Are in Immigration Detention, a Modern High, Records Show

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This week it was reported that [60,000 immigrants are being detained](#) by the US government. Most of these individuals have not committed a crime and many have lived here for decades, raised a family, worked hard, and are tax paying, contributing members of their communities. They are our neighbors.

Detainees are being held in government and private facilities and subject to horrid conditions, sub standard food, and insufficient medical care. There are many instances of individuals not being able to obtain necessary medications. Documented cases of [human rights abuses](#) in detention facilities are growing. ICE raids are affecting churches and parishioners. According to an [article in Religion News Service](#), the fear of raids has pushed some congregations back to pandemic-era worship strategies.

Churches and individuals throughout the nation are working to assist their threatened and detained neighbors. What can you or your church do? Here are some ideas:

- Become an ally with your local nonprofits who are providing direct services to immigrants.
- Join the Episcopal Migration Ministries & Office of Government Relations Weekly Immigration Updates on Tuesdays at 10 AM Pacific - [Register Here](#)
- Advocate for immigrants with your local, state, and federal legislators. Connect with the [Office of Government Relations](#) and sign up to receive their action alerts. [Sign up here](#).
- Join EDNC Migrant Support Network - contact Canon Julie for information
- Pray the Weekly Office of Government Relations prayers - [Click Here](#)

EDNC Immigration ministries has been helping immigrants and refugees for over 4 years in our diocese. Contact me for more ways to help. Bob Wohlsen, Chair - bob.wohlsen@gmail.com