

Resources Available for Immigrant Families

News of recent ICE raids in Minneapolis and elsewhere, including the shooting deaths of two US citizens, have again highlighted the dangers immigrant communities face. We are hearing heart-wrenching stories of families being torn about by poorly executed raids. With that in mind, the NCCP Immigration Task Force is making available a listing of resources to help immigrant communities and those who support them. These include, but may not be limited to:

Available from the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)

- PCUSA.org/how-we-serve/global-engagement/immigration contains a wealth of resources.
- Joseph Russ, who has served in various international outreach programs, is presently assigned to a broad area which includes NCCP and several other presbyteries. His present role is as a referral source and liaison among various groups.

For financial assistance for NCCP Congregations:

- The NCCP Immigration Task Force Emergency Funds for immigrants and refugees. These funds are intended for distribution by pastors to those members of their congregations who are facing financial difficulties because of ICE activities. Please see the January 2026 NCCP newsletter (NCCPresby.org/resources/newsletter/) for details, or contact the Presbytery office (916-414-2080).

For general assistance, including legal assistance:

- **NorCal Resist** (www.norcalresist.org, 916-382- 0256) for
 - Monthly food and diaper distributions
 - Immigration defense
 - ICE bail bond assistance
 - Deportation defense
 - Asylum workshops
 - Accompaniment to immigration hearings
 - Know Your Rights trainings
 - Brake light repair (being stopped for faulty brake lights regularly leads to being apprehended for immigration violations)
- **Opening Doors Inc.** (www.openingdoorsinc.org, 916-492-2591) for:
 - Welcoming refugees
 - Providing immigrant legal services such as adjustment of status and assistance with asylum claims
 - Supporting survivors of human trafficking

- Helping clientele expand their economic opportunities through education, training, and small business development, including microloans.
- **Immigration Legal Resource Center** (www.ilrc.org, 415-255-9499) for:
 - Assistance in locating legal help
 - Red Cards (in more than 50 languages)
 - Know Your Rights resources
 - Resources for advocates
 - Family preparedness planning aids in English and Spanish

For food pantries (partial listing):

- **Food Pantries.Org** (foodpantries.org) for a comprehensive listing of food banks throughout NCCP (you will need to select the state and city).
- **River City Food Bank** (rivercityfoodbank.org, 916-446-2627) for food assistance in two locations.
- **Sacramento Food Bank and Family Services** (www.sacramentofoodbank.org, 916-456-1980) for food assistance throughout the Sacramento area.
- **South Sacramento Interfaith Partnership** (www.ssipfoodcloset.org, 916-428-5290) for food assistance.