

Vermont Summit on Sanctuary

Welcoming the Stranger, Our Neighbor: An Introduction to New Sanctuary Movement

Headlines of fathers and mothers, scientists and school teachers, dairy farm workers and political activists being taken from families and communities flood our news feeds. Occasionally we see reference to some finding sanctuary in a church. Many of us are moved with compassion to do something to help these strangers, our neighbors. But we may lack the understanding to know exactly what to do. And even if we have an idea, we may not have the resources to accomplish this task alone.

If this is where you and/or your congregation find yourself, then this one-day conference is for you. Join us at Holy Family Parish Center in Essex Junction (4 Prospect St.) on **Sunday, April 15** from 1:30-5:30 p.m.

Our time will begin with Pastor Vicki Kemper from First Congregational Church, Amherst, MA sharing her congregation's experience of providing sanctuary. We will follow this with Q&A time with local immigration lawyers. Concurrent workshops about Building a Rapid Response Network and Policy & Advocacy in 2018 will conclude our time, followed by a chance to network with other people of faith.

To register for the conference, please email Melissa Battah of Vermont Interfaith Action at melissa@viavt.org.