

BROTHER AND SISTER

We the people
are created brother and sister.
I sing when you sing,
hurt as you hurt,
and together we shall abide.

Robb Thomson, 2018

“Because of the magnitude of accepting a person needing sanctuary and because of the strong moral implications of doing so, UU Santa Fe, therefore, resolves to enter into a thoughtful, thorough discernment process culminating in a congregational meeting should it seem feasible for us to accept someone into sanctuary.

A Few Discernment resources

Peter Morales delivered a Holiday Message from First Unitarian Society of Denver <https://www.uua.org/immigration/witness/partners/newsanctuary>

The Unitarian Universalist Association policy on Immigration (check out the links on the left side of the page)

<https://www.uua.org/immigration/witness/uua-policy>

The UUA Immigration Tool Kit (contains several useful links)

<https://www.uua.org/immigration/witness/toolkit>

Undocumented by Aviva Chomsky, from Beacon Press

For a story of how sanctuary affects both the person in Sanctuary and the congregation offering it:

https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/national/wp/2018/03/31/feature/after-30-years-in-america-she-was-about-to-be-deported-then-a-tiny-colorado-church-offered-her-sanctuary/?noredirect=on&utm_term=.f0ad0c3549a8

Here is an interesting commentary about the power of nongovernmental agencies:

<http://www.latimes.com/opinion/op-ed/la-oe-gulasekaram-villazor-immigrant-sanctuary-network-20180405-story.html>

Other groups who are working on this social justice issue:

Somos un Pueblo Unido, <http://www.somosunpueblounido.org/>

New Mexico Faith Coalition for Immigrant Rights, <https://www.nmfaithcoalition.org/>

The Faith Coalition for Immigrant Justice, <https://www.facebook.com/faithnetworkforimmigrantjustice/>

Santa Fe Dreamers Project, <http://www.santafedreamersproject.org/>

A few articles from Google:

Can Churches offer Sanctuary to Immigrants without complete papers?
<https://www.cnn.com/2017/02/17/us/immigrants-sanctuary-churches-legality-trnd/index.html>

Churches upfront about offering Sanctuary to Immigrants'
<https://www.ncronline.org/news/parish/churches-upfront-about-legal-risks-when-providing-immigrants-sanctuary>

For the perspective from an insurance company (not our insurance company)
<https://churchwest.com/finance-hr-operations/are-sanctuary-churches-legal/>

The New Mexico Immigrant Law Center (<http://nmilc.org/>) has many resources, including
<http://nmilc.org/new-mexico-immigrant-law-center-meets-community-needs-with-connectivity/>

A Methodist Fact sheet from 2016: <https://www.nyac.com/servingasasanctuarychurch>

A summary of legal cases put together by Presbyterians:
https://www.pcusa.org/site_media/media/uploads/oga/resource_re_federal_laws.pdf

How Churches can give Sanctuary and still support the law
<https://churchwest.com/finance-hr-operations/are-sanctuary-churches-legal/>

Offering Sanctuary can have legal consequences
<https://religionnews.com/2017/03/17/sanctuary-for-the-undocumented-comes-with-legal-consequences/>

How Trump changed the rules to arrest more non-criminal immigrants
<https://www.cnn.com/2018/03/02/politics/ice-immigration-deportations/index.html>

Trump wants immigrants to be afraid
<https://www.vox.com/policy-and-politics/2018/3/5/17071648/impact-trump-immigration-policy-children>