LABOR TRAFFICKING/IMMIGRATION AND UNACCOMPANIED CHILD MIGRANTS RESOURCES

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The Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) has been committed to answering God’s call to welcome refugees and immigrants for decades; resettling over 37,000 refugees since the end of World War II, supporting farm workers as a founding member of the National Farm Worker Ministry and through ongoing efforts for farm worker rights and fair wages, and encouraging immigrant justice through consistent advocacy, education, and organizing. Throughout our efforts, Disciples have understood with depth the root causes of poverty, violence, and gangs that push families to make heartbreaking decisions to migrate, or to send family members to migrate in hopes of family improvements. Often, such journeys are undertaken in hopes of better employment across borders. Instead, the travel of immigrants is too often riddled with dangers, extortion, and human trafficking.

Below are a host of sources which provide information, resources, organizations, and action steps for building relationships with and justice for migrants. These resources are designed to share background about intersections between migrants and employment injustices, and also point to the recently publicized humanitarian crisis of women, child, and family migrants from Central America. Please contact Disciples Refugee & Immigration Ministries at: sstanley@dhm.disciples.org or 202-957-7826 if we can provide additional information for prayer and action.

Section 1: Information About the Topic
Office of Refugee Resettlement (ORR)/US Department of Health and Human Services (HHS)--
“Child Victims of Human Trafficking” FACT SHEET--


Section 2: Resources to Learn More about the Topic
Contact Refugee & Immigration Ministries (RIM) office of Disciples Home Missions for a program, and to link with newest resources. Check our website regularly for updates. Go to: https://www.discipleshomemissions.org/dhm/dhm-ministries/refugee-immigration-ministries/
or call or email Rev. Dr. Sharon Stanley-Rea, RIM Director, sstanley@dhm.disciples.org; 202-957-7826 (cell). Our office is located in National City Christian Church, 5 Thomas Circle, Washington, DC 20005.


“Living As Spirit Blessed Communities”—a 7 day set of devotions by Rev. Dr. Sharon Stanley, Disciples Home Missions Refugee & Immigration Ministries Director. Devotions also correspond with a series of seven issues briefs that cover the following immigration topics:  *Refugees, asylees, and survivor of domestic violence  *Workers’ rights  *The Root Causes of Migration  *A path to citizenship  *U.S.-Mexico border policies  *Immigration enforcement  *Family Unity, available at: https://www.discipleshomemissions.org/dhm/dhm-ministries/refugee-immigration-ministries/rim-resources/


Section 3: Links to Organizations Working on the Topic:
call or email Rev. Dr. Sharon Stanley-Rea, RIM Director, sstanley@dhm.disciples.org, 202-957-7826 (cell), or like us on Facebook.

Report any suspected immigrant trafficking to: National Human Trafficking Resource Center: 1-888-3737-888


Section 4: Action Steps that Disciple Women Can Take to Help:
To request assistance for a child you think may be a victim of trafficking, contact: ChildTrafficking@ucf.hhs.gov.

Sponsor a Screening of “Rape in the Fields” by Frontline, the Center for Investigative Reporting, Univision, and others. See http://cironline.org for videoclip additional information about sexual and child abuse in growing fields around the U.S.

Use the 7 session “Living as Spirit Blessed Communities” Bible Study by Disciples Refugee & Immigration Ministries with your women’s or other group in your church, and read the accompany issue briefs from our partners with the Interfaith Immigration Coalition to gain a deeper understanding of immigration issues.


Consider assisting arriving adults in families who are arriving into Arizona. Contact Catholic Community Services in Tucson, www.ccs-soaz.org

Consider serving as a foster parent for a child migrant. We connect with our Lutheran partners on this care through http://lirs.org/fostercare/

Contact the Refugee and Immigration Ministries (RIM) office to learn which families may be coming near to your area as refugees or immigrants, and how you can advocate for and assist them! Visit our website to obtain constantly updated information regarding immigration issues at: https://www.discipleshomemissions.org. Contact Rev. Dr. Sharon Stanley-Rea, RIM Director, at: sstanley@dhm.disciples.org, 202-957-7826, or on Twitter: @StanleyRea, and through Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/RefugeeAndImmigrationMinistriesChristianChurchDoc.

For specific legal questions, contact Disciples Legal Immigration Consult, Tana Liu-Beers, at: tana@dhm.disciples.org.