



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: stanley@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--

http://www.acf.hhs.gov/sites/default/files/orr/fact_sheet_child_victims_of_human_trafficking.pdf

"Children on the Run: Unaccompanied Children Leaving Central America and Mexico and the Need for International Protection": UNHCR Report on Unaccompanied Minors, Full Report, Summary of Report, and Additional Resources Available at: <http://unhcrwashington.org/children/reports>

"Protecting Unaccompanied Migrant Children," Background. Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service, at lirs.org.

"Alone, Illegal and Underage: The Child Migrant Crisis"--Congressional Quarterly, May 28, 2014, by Jennifer Scholtes and Emily Ethridge.

http://www.rollcall.com/news/alone_illegal_and_underage_the_child_migrant_crisis-233381-1.html

Women's Refugee Commission: Forced from Home, The Lost boys and Girls of Central America, available at <http://womensrefugeecommission.org/programs/migrant-rights/unaccompanied-children>

Labor Trafficking/Immigration: <http://www.aflcio.org/Issues/Immigration/AFL-CIO-Recommendations-on-Administrative-Action-on-Immigration>

"Tobacco's Hidden Children: Hazardous Child Labor in United States Tobacco Farming," by Human Rights Watch, June, 2014. Find online at:

<https://www.google.com/url?sa=t&rct=j&q=&esrc=s&source=web&cd=2&cad=rja&uact=8&ved=0CCIQFjAB&url=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.hrw.org%2Freports%2F2014%2F05%2F13%2Ftobacco-s-hidden-children&ei=K0ufU7KPJblsASftIHYBQ&usg=AFQjCNE3zINCjAODOhLjfKVT-CKnCLojag&sig2=flh5ZieT1s-vZ-V4sKYcyw&bvm=bv.68911936,d.cWc>

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.

Disciples Just Women, Vol. 5, Issue 3, Summer 2013, "How Did This Happen?: Human Trafficking and the Laws That Make It Possible," by Tana Liu-Beers, Immigration Legal Consult with Refugee & Immigration Ministries, pp. 10-11. <https://www.discipleshomemissions.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/06/Human-Trafficking-2013-Summer-Just-Woman-Tana-Liu-Beers.pdf>

“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/>

View “Rape in the Fields: The Hidden Story of Rape on the Job,” a PBS Frontline Univision documentary, available on DVD or UTube. See <http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/pages/frontline/rape-in-the-fields/>

“De-Bunking Myths of Child & Family Immigration from Central America,” and “Responses by Jesuits to Child Migration Crisis,” Jesuits and the White House Office on Latin America. <http://www.jesuit.org/news-detail?TN=NEWS-20140612080700>

“How to Protect Refugees and Prevent Abuse at the Border,” by Human Rights First. FACT SHEET: June 2014. <http://www.humanrightsfirst.org/resource/how-protect-refugees-and-prevent-abuse-border>

Refugee Council USA, Unaccompanied Alien Children (UAC), available at

<http://www.rcusa.org/index.php?page=uac>

HHS, Office of Refugee Resettlement, About Unaccompanied Children’s Services, available at:

<http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/orr/programs/ucs/about>

Migrant Youth, Transnational Families, and the State: Care and Contested Interests, by Lauren Heidbrink.

Penn Press, University of Pennsylvania. See information at:

https://www.google.com/webhp?sourceid=chrome-instant&rlz=1C1TSNF_enUS453US453&ion=1&espv=2&ie=UTF-8#q=Migrant%20Youth%2C%20Transnational%20Families%2C%20and%20the%20St

Section 3: Links to Organizations Working on the Topic:

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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

United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, “Mission to Central America: Flights of the Unaccompanied Immigrant Children to the United States,” Nov. 2013. Available at <http://www.usccb.org/about/migration-policy/fact-finding-mission-reports/upload/Mission-To-Central-America-FINAL-2.pdf> or <http://www.usccb.org/about/migration-and-refugee-services/>

KIND (Kids in Need of Defense) and Center for Gender & Refugee Studies: A Treacherous Journey; Child Migrants Navigating the U.S. Immigration System, available at: <http://www.supportkind.org/en/about-us/resources>

Vera Institute of Justice, Center on Immigration and Justice, “The Flow of Unaccompanied Children Through the Immigration System: A Resource for Practitioners, Policy Makers, and Researchers available at: <http://www.vera.org/sites/default/files/resources/downloads/the-flow-of-unaccompanied-children-through-the-immigration-system.pdf>

“House Tackles Human Trafficking,” by Maya Rhodan, May 20, 2014, Time magazine. See at: <http://time.com/106711/human-trafficking-bills-congress/>

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.

Read the report, “Migrant Women & Children Situation in Southern Arizona,” by The Rt. Rev. Kirk S. Smith, Bishop of Arizona, Episcopal Diocese of Arizona, Phoenix. This report shares information from the Pima County Interfaith Council (PCIC) and its sister organization, Southern Arizona Interfaith (SAI) organization. Respond to needs listed here for volunteers, supplies, and donations. http://www.azdiocese.org/digital_faith/news/3165984

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.