Standing Together: How Disciples Can Support DACA & TPS in a Critical Time

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Today’s Presenters

Rev. Sharon Stanley-Rea, Director, Refugee & Immigration Ministries

Rev. Terri Hord-Owens, General Minister & President, Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in the U.S. & Canada

Rev. Lori Tapia, Interim National Pastor, Disciples Central Office for Hispanic Ministries

Tana Liu-Beers, Disciples Immigration Legal Counsel

Dae Joong Yoon, Co-Director, NAKASEC (National Korean American Service & Education Consortium)

Dr. Jon Barnes, Director, Higher Education & Communications, Disciples Higher Education and Leadership Ministries (HELM)
Webinar Agenda

Introductions & Context—Sharon Stanley-Rea
Prayer and Statement by Our GMP—Terri Hord Owens
Definitions & Legal Implications of our Work—Tana Liu-Beers
Human Dimensions & Affected Communities—Lori Tapia
The Powerful Vigil of NAKASEC & Partners—Dae Joong (DJ) Yoon
What Actions Can We Take TODAY, Sept. 4th, & Beyond?—Sharon
Questions & Conversations—Jon Barnes
Reviewing the Stage

Anti-Immigrant Rhetoric & Promises

(See slides at: https://goo.gl/2s5oYH for further info. in Eng & Span)

• January & February 2017 Four executive orders to increase deportations.

• January-July 2017 ICE begins raids. 65,000 people detained, 40% increase in detentions

• April 2017 DHS’ budget increased $1.4 Billion this year

• May 2017 request to increase DHS budget by $5.4 BILLION for next year

• August 2017 RAISE Act introduced: Goal decrease legal immigration (Not Law)

• August 2017 Sheriff Arpaio PARDONED
Potential Stage Ahead

Anti-Immigrant Challenges, Fall & Forward
(See slides at: https://goo.gl/2s5oYH for further info. in Eng & Span)

Sudan/S. Sudan TPS Decision Sept. 3
DACA Decision Perhaps on or Before Sept. 5
DHS Budget Increases in Sept.
Honduran, Nicaraguan, Haitian TPS Decisions by Nov.
El Salvadoran TPS Decision by Jan.
500,000+ Detentions per year 2018-2020

Yet such challenges only strengthen our faith responses, & our commitments to pray, act, speak, and welcome!!
Dr. Terri Hord-Owens, Prayer & Statement of Support for DACA & TPS

“I mourn for the wound that is opened in the hearts of the more than three quarters of a million youth and young adults who, with their families, grieve because of the President’s unwillingness to maintain the work sustaining and education encouraging and community supporting DACA program. DACA recipients are our neighbors in nearly every community. They are our classmates in nearly every college, university, and seminary. They are our friends in our workplaces—sometimes whether we know it or not. And they are key leaders in our churches; brave and faithful and full of determination to contribute consistently to build up the strength of their families and neighborhoods and congregations. Our relationships with these fine young people and their families help us to fulfill our call to welcome the sojourner and experience unity among the diverse tapestry of communities in our church and nation. Therefore, the President’s rescinding of the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program seeks to bully the breath from their life hope, and to browbeat our efforts to follow scripture’s command for hospitality.

Likewise, TPS recipients are our church pastors, leaders, and strength from Haitian, Salvadorans, and other backgrounds. Therefore, threats from the administration to eliminate TPS for vulnerable populations are unmerciful. They harm our faith family directly and seek to replace the economic healing and health offered through TPS with danger and even potential death if recipients are deported to disastrous conditions in their homeland.

DACA and TPS recipients have followed the calling of God in Jeremiah 27:9 to “seek the welfare of the city to where I send you;” and our faith compels us likewise to support the well being and healing of those who offer their gifts generously to our nation. We therefore seek opportunities through The DREAM Act of 2017 which would offer stability to the lives of immigrant leaders, and we are likewise committed to continuing work for compassionate immigration reforms that can support family unity, offer a stable future to hardworking immigrants, and enable them to fully utilize their God-granted gifts without fears of deportation.”

Rev. Terri Hord Owens, General Minister and President, Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in the U.S. and Canada
Definitions & Legal Implications for Our Work

Disciples Immigration Legal Counsel
disciplesimmigration.org
Dream Act
= various legislative proposals to grant lawful permanent residence (green cards) to youth and young adults who were brought to the U.S. as minors

*not passed yet
DACA
= Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals
temporary relief from deportation and work permit
If DACA Ends

• Undocumented
• Work Permits
• Travel
• Know Your Rights
• Reliable Information:
  unitedwedream.org
  nilc.org
  ilrc.org
TPS

= Temporary Protected Status

- DHS designates countries where conditions make return unsafe
- Temporary relief from deportation and work permit
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Human Dimensions & Affected Communities

Every Day Living and Quality of Life
- Economic
- Emotional and Psychological
- Familial relations
- Education and Religion

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Cqte9m2A7so

Life or Liberty
- Checkpoints
- Reporting Crime
- Accessing resources and basic needs
The Church Living its Call

- Talking
- Teaching
- Equipping
- Creating space for Practicing
- Debriefing and Accompanying
RESPONDING TOGETHER: DREAM Action 2017 with NAKASEC & Partners: Aug. 15-Sept. 5 at the White House
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Today’s Faith Press Conference at the White House, and ongoing prayer support for DACA & TPS!!
How Can Disciples Pray, Act, & Speak??

Our resolutions of hope from General Assembly:

• **GA-1723: ON BECOMING IMMIGRANT WELCOMING CONGREGATIONS**
  Disciples ministries including the Central Pastoral Office for Hispanic Ministries, Refugee and Immigration Ministries of Disciples Home Missions, Disciples Women, Disciples Immigration Legal Counsel, North American Pacific/Asian Disciples, National Benevolent Association, National Convocation and Iglesia Alas de Salvacion (AZ) and Iglesia Christiana Emanuel (TX) are calling on congregations to consider becoming “immigrant welcoming congregations” by engaging in prayer and action around issues of immigration, providing supportive resources and programs to their local immigrant communities and building bridges between congregations that are majority immigrant and majority non-immigrant.

• **GA-1739: CONCERNING EXECUTIVE ORDER 13780** (Emergency resolution)
  • Regarding a recent Executive Order by U.S. President Donald Trump having to do with immigration.
How Can Disciples Pray, Act, & Speak??
For Higher Education Institutions:

DACA letter in US News and World Report [1,300 Catholic Educators to Trump: Preserve DACA](https://www.pomona.edu/news/2016/11/21-college-university-presidents-call-us-uphold-and-continue-daca) More than 1,300 Catholic educators are urging the Trump administration to leave in place the Obama-era policy that protects young immigrants brought to the U.S. illegally as children, known as Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals.

Release Statements Such as This:

How Can Disciples Pray, Act, & Speak??

See our DACA/TPS Support RIM WRAP at:
http://conta.cc/2glsCWb

1. SIGN-AND SEND TO OTHER FAITH LEADERS-THIS NATIONAL FAITH LETTER in support of DACA and TPS holders!
https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeIb6ierI8DOQJ27EaM4QFlerBa1DNq0DN8PU9c-ExjalPmwQ/viewform

2. JOIN WITH FAITH LEADERS AROUND THE COUNTRY TO FAST AND PRAY, and to hold support vigils and other actions between August 30-September 5 TO DEMONSTRATE SOLIDARITY WITH DACA AND TPS HOLDERS AT RISK!
Sign up today to fast and join an action in solidarity in support of DACA and TPS.

3. SEND YOUR QUOTE IN SUPPORT OF DACA/TPS TO:
sstanley@dhm.disciples.org
How Can Disciples Pray, Act, & Speak??

4. ON THURSDAY, and EACH DAY FOLLOWING: CALL CONGRESS AND THE WHITE HOUSE

Representatives: 1-888-496-3502
Senators: 1-888-410-0619

*Please call your 1 Representative and then your 2 Senators

Sample Script to Representative/Senators: “Hi, my name is X and I’m calling from City, State and my zip code is X. I am a person of faith. I’m deeply concerned about the reports that President Trump could end the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) this week. I support the program and strongly oppose any attempt to terminate or alter it. I urge the Senator/Representative to do everything in his/her power to protect 800,000 DACA-recipients from deportation and support their right to work and study in this country. There are three things I’m hoping your office will do right now. Can the Senator/Representative (1) appeal directly to the President to keep this program in place, (2) issue a public statement of support for DACA recipients, and (3) support a clean passage of S.1615/H.R.3440, the Dream Act of 2017?”
5. PLAN NOW TO JOIN OUR DISCIPLES “VIRTUAL MARCH FOR JUSTICE” ON LABOR DAY, SEPT. 4TH, FROM 9 A.M.-9 P.M. FROM WHEREVER YOU ARE!!

--Choose Your Action & Link with Others in Your Area
--Email Sharon at: sstanley@dhm.disciples.org or Lori at: ltapia@cpohm.disciples.org to share, & cover the country with Disciples DACA/TPS support BY SIGNING UP ON THE GOOGLE DOC!
--Amplify with media coverage, and use #DisciplesDACATPS
See Actions in RIM WRAP, and Look for Constantly Updating Resources at: https://docs.google.com/document/d/1XtrgwJvW5O9s05PSoJ_ZAzmYaQv0OgVXmDuMBistmEk/edit
6. JOIN ACTIONS IN YOUR AREA ON SEPTEMBER 5TH, CURRENTLY BEING PLANNED ALL AROUND THE COUNTRY. Go here to find constantly updating information: [http://defenddaca.com/](http://defenddaca.com/)

FIND MORE INFORMATION ABOUT DACA & TPS HERE:

- Short TPs
- Economic Impacts

6. CONTINUE IN STRONG SUPPORT FOR THE DREAM ACT OF 2017!
How is God leading YOU/your area to pray and ACT?

*We will follow up asap with resources and contacts to move forward in faith!!*