



Resources

PRESBYTERY OF LAKE MICHIGAN PEACEMAKERS RESOURCE LIST

ON HOSPITALITY:

Practicing our Faith: A Way of Life For A Searching People (The Practices of Faith Series) by Dorothy C. Bass

I Was A Stranger: A Christian Theology of Hospitality by Arthur Sutherland

Making Room: Recovering Hospitality as a Christian Tradition by Christine Pohl

Study Guide for Making Room by Christine Pohl and Pamela Buck

ABOUT CARE TEAMS:

For a How-to Guide on starting Congregational Care Teams go to:

<http://www.pcusa.org/nationalhealth/careteams/>. There are also plenty of other descriptions of congregational care teams at this site.

ON DENTAL CARE FOR CHILDREN

Adequate and affordable dental care is almost nonexistent for the poor and even many middle class Americans. However, there is an organization, Mobile Dentists and the Smile program, which provide dental care for children. This organization has a mobile unit that goes to schools and provides in-school Dental programs at not cost. For more information visit www.mobiledentists.com

ON IMMIGRATION:

1. For the Presbyterian Policy on Immigration go to:

<http://www.pcusa.org/immigration/pdf/immigration-resolution-2006.pdf>

2. Family Care Plan: Info below taken directly from PCUSA web-site:

<http://www.pcusa.org/immigration/>

The Office of Immigration Issues at PC (USA) has created a *Family Care Plan* for use by congregations. The purpose of the packet is to provide a plan should a member find him or herself in a situation where they have been detained by law enforcement.

Your congregation is encouraged to download the materials on this Web site and begin developing a process that meets the specific needs for your congregation. This process will ensure that members feel comfortable approaching the church for support.

The packet contains suggestions for your church, forms to record the family's vital statistics such as medications and medical history, contact information for places of work and school, and other important information.

To access a downloadable copy of the Family Care Plan go to:

<http://www.pcusa.org/immigration/pdf/family-care-plan.pdf>

3. Office of Immigration Issues Website: www.pcusa.org/immigration

This new website available as of March 9, 2007 will contain a collection of useful information made available by Julia Thorne's office. It will include sections for Liturgical, Legal and Advocacy Resources, Bible Studies, Video and Book Resource list, and PCUSA Social Witness Policy starting in the 1940's. This website will be linked to other Program offices, i.e., Peacemaking, Presbyterian Women, Multicultural Office and others.

4. Presbyterian Immigration Network. Presbyterians for Just Immigration (PFJI) – contact Dana Dages at ddages@ctr.pcusa.org and request to be added to the network. This network has 250+ members sharing information, resources and concerns about immigration.

5. Human Trafficking

Trafficking Hotline number is: 1-888-373-7888

Website is: www.acf.hhs.gov/trafficking.

5. Legal Assistance for Immigrants.

1. Justice for our Neighbors <http://www.grandrapidsfumc.org/jfon.htm>
2. Farmworker Legal Services of Michigan <http://farmworkerlaw.org/>
3. Various services based in the Detroit area: <http://www.usdoj.gov/eoir/probono/freelglchtMI.htm>
4. Additional resources:

A. C.C.E.S.S.
Arab Community Center for Economic and Social Services
6451 Schafer
Dearborn, MI 48123
(313) 945-8380

Archdiocese of Detroit Immigration Legal Services
305 Michigan Ave, 5th Floor
Detroit, MI 48226
(313) 237-4694

Catholic Diocese of Saginaw
Hispanic Ministries Dept
Office of Social Awareness, Youth and Immigration
5800 Weiss St
Saginaw, MI 48603-2799
(989) 797-6695

Freedom House
2630 W. Lafayette
Detroit, MI 48126
(313) 964-4320

International Institute of Metro Detroit
111 East Kirby
Detroit, MI 48202
(313) 871-8600

University of Detroit Mercy Law School

Immigration Law Clinic
651 E. Jefferson
Detroit, MI 48226
(313) 596-0200

6. Resources to help your congregation to start a conversation about faith and action

Amazing Grace – Movie tells the story of William Wilberforce and his who worked for the abolition of the slave trade in Great Britain. Wilberforce felt called to the ministry and social justice. He learned how the two go hand in hand. Resources for small group, Sunday School or Youth group settings can be found at <http://www.amazinggracemovie.com/index.php> look under PDF educational materials

Enrique's Journey by Sonia Nazario. This book tells the true story of one boy's journey to reach his mother who has left her home and her children behind in Honduras to be an undocumented worker in the United States. The book highlights the struggles and realities of people in Central America and what the cost of immigration truly is. This book encourages the reader to ask where the church is in the midst of these issues and how it is that we are called to respond as followers of Christ.

Immigration Discussion guide from the editors of Sojourners Magazine: This is a four part series which invites the discussion of how as followers of Christ we live out God's call for justice in our world:
http://www.sojo.net/resources/discussion_guides/DG_immigration.pdf

ON INTERFAITH RELATIONS:

1. *The Tent of Abraham* (Stories of Hope and Peace for Jews, Christians and Muslims)
Joan Chittister, Murshid Saadi Shakur Chishti, and Rabbi Arthur Waskow, Beacon Press
2. *The Faith Club* (A Muslim, a Christian, A Jew - Three Women search for Understanding) by Ranya Idliby, Suzanne Oliver, and Priscilla Warner
3. Interfaith Listening Project of the PCUSA, www.pcusa.org/listeningproject/index.htm/

ON REFUGEES:

LSSM Unaccompanied Minor Program
801 S. Waverly Rd #202
Lansing, MI 48917
1-517-321-7663

Catholic Social Services/Refugee Services
St. Vincent Catholic Charities
2800 W. Willow
Lansing, MI 48917
1-517-323-4734

Refugee Development Center
Christ Lutheran Church
122 S. Pennsylvania
Lansing, MI 48912
1-517-482-2252

Battle Creek area:
LSSM
Refugee Employment and Placement
2 West Michigan Ave.
Battle Creek, MI 49015
269-964-9235

West Michigan Office:
LSSM
207 East Fulton Street East
Grand Rapids, MI 49503-3210
616-356-1934

Other websites of interest/refugees:

Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Services www.lirs.org

United States Conference of Catholic Bishops www.usccb.org

United States Committee for Refugees and Immigrants www.uscri.org

ON GENERAL PEACEMAKING :

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