

Resources

We recognize the diversity of views on immigration that are present within Ohio Conference. We expect the Holy Spirit to lead individuals and churches into different expressions of obedience to Jesus' call to welcome the stranger. The information below is but a small fraction of resources available to those who want to become more informed and involved. We have tried to provide a variety of suggestions to meet individuals and congregations where they're at. We expect to hear many exciting stories at ACA 2020 of how churches took action and were blessed and enriched by their risk-taking!

Definitions

Immigrant - a person who comes to a country to take up permanent residence

Refugee - a person who flees to a foreign country or power to escape danger or persecution

Asylum - an inviolable place of refuge and protection giving shelter to criminals and debtors

Undocumented - lacking documents required for legal immigration or residence

TPS - Temporary Protected Status

ICE - Immigration and Customs Enforcement

DHS - Department of Homeland Security

DACA - Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals

Books

Carroll R., M. Daniel

Christians at the Border: Immigration, the Church, and the Bible

Carroll R., M. Daniel - Missio Dei - Mennonite Mission Network (Spanish edition available)

Immigration and the Bible

Matthew Soerens and Jenny Yang

Welcoming the Stranger: Justice, Compassion & Truth in the Immigration Debate

Jessica Udall

Loving the Stranger: Welcoming Immigrants in the Name of Jesus

News

"Sanctuary Edith"

<http://www.columbusmennonite.org/who-we-are/sanctuary-edith>

Organizations and Movements

MCC on Immigration

<https://mcc.org/learn/what/categories/immigration>

Dismantling the Doctrine of Discovery

<https://dofdmenno.org/>

East Central Ohio Sanctuary Network

<https://www.ecosn.net/>

Immigrant Worker Project

<http://iwpo-hio.org/>

Open Arms Hispanic Ministry

<http://www.openarmshispanicministry.org/>

Braço en Braço

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Sanctuary Movement

<https://www.sanctuarynotdeportation.org/>

The Matthew 25 Movement/Pledge

www.matthew25pledge.com

Films

Note: Some films may contain language or other content that some may find offensive.

Men with Guns

In an unnamed Latin American country, we meet a doctor searching for his former students, only to learn that they have been taken by “men with guns.”

The Other Side of Immigration

A 2010 documentary film that explores why so many people leave the Mexican countryside to work in the US and what happens to the families and communities they leave behind.

El Norte

Peasants escaping mindless labor and a murderous Guatemalan government head to America in hopes for something better.

Other

Evangelical Statement of Principles for Immigration Reform

www.evangelicalimmigrationtable.com

Biblical Reflections by Mennonite Central Committee

Loving Strangers as Ourselves

Communities in Crisis: Interior Removals and Their Human Consequences

<https://journals.sagepub.com/doi/pdf/10.1177/2331502418820066>

Ideas for action

- Learn a few words of greeting in the native language of immigrants in your area
- Attend a multi-cultural event in your area
- Make up a daily prayer list for individuals, ministries, government
- Sign up for an MCC Learning Tour at the border
- Invite an immigrant to your home for a meal
- Join an organization working on immigration issues