



Minnesota's Interfaith Coalition on Immigration is an ad hoc coalition of faith, spiritual, and community activists committed to creating a positive climate of welcome for immigrants-emigrants. Our core group involves members from the UCC, Catholic, Jewish, Presbyterian, and Lutheran traditions, and we seek to expand the circle to include others as well.

Who we are:

- We believe our diverse traditions teach us to welcome our immigrant, refugee, and asylee sisters and brothers with love and compassion.
- We seek to connect with and inform Minnesotans about the challenges and hopes of immigrants.
- We affirm the immigrant tradition of the United States and celebrate the welcome symbolized by the Statue of Liberty.
- We work for Comprehensive Immigration Reform. We support policies that uphold the human dignity of each person and value the wholeness of each family and family system.
- We support, serve, and partner with immigrants-emigrants as they respond to the challenges of our broken immigration system.
- We are local partners of the national Interfaith Immigration Coalition (<http://www.interfaithimmigration.org/>).

What We Do

- Educate/reach out to faith & community organizations.
- Faith Action – first Sunday of each month at Ramsey County Adult Detention Center, 2:30 – 3 pm (one of four county facilities in Minnesota that contract with Immigration and Customs Enforcement to house civil immigrant detainees).
- Respond to and challenging media stereotypes, hate speech, and misinformation about immigrants and immigration.
- Letter of Conscience - Our vision for humane and just immigration reform. As of Dec. 6, 2009, signatories represent twelve faith groups or organizations with 250 individual signatures. This letter has been presented to Senators Klobuchar and Franken, as well as some members of the House of Representatives.
- Lobbying on for Comprehensive Immigration Reform (we've led or participated in several visits with members of Minnesota's congressional delegation).
- Coalition partners supporting Comprehensive Immigration Reform (meetings are continuing where we are informed about all reform proposals and current bills; this effort has included as many as 50 or more community organizations).
- Ramsey County Jail civil & immigrant detainee visitation project (working to offer a supporting and compassionate presence to the estimated 4,473 detainees a year held at this site). We are partners with the national Detention Watch Network-Sojourners detainee visitation program.
- Work to end all enforcement raids and work place enforcement policies that are isolating immigrants, creating fear in the immigrant community, causing workers to lose their jobs, and leading to detention and deportation.



No Human Being is Illegal: Mobilizing for Humane and Just Immigration Reform

With Noted Liberation Theologian
Dr. Miguel De La Torre
author of *Trails of Hope and Terror:
Testimonies on Immigration*
and Director of the Peace and Justice Institute
at Illiff Seminary, Denver, Colorado

Explore the faith foundations of immigration reform
Mobilize in support of humane and just immigration
reform

Day 1 - January 30, 2010

7:00-9:00 PM
at
Holy Trinity Lutheran Church
2730 E. 31 Street
Minneapolis, MN 55406

Keynote: Dr. Miguel De La Torre

Day 2 - January 31, 2010

at
St. Luke Presbyterian Church
3121 Groveland School Road
Minnetonka, MN 55391-2877
(952) 473-7378

10:30 AM - Interfaith Service

Lunch (donation requested)

1:00-5:00 PM - Community Forum
(With elected officials, workshops)

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