

OREGON NEW SANCTUARY MOVEMENT PLEDGE

When an alien resides with you in your land, you shall not oppress the alien. The alien who resides with you shall be to you as the citizen among you; you shall love the alien as yourself, for you were aliens in the land of Egypt: I am the Lord your God. (Hebrew Bible, Leviticus 19:33-34)

But those who entered the city and the faith before them love those who flee unto them for refuge, and find in their breasts no need for that which has been given to them, but prefer (the refugees) above themselves though poverty become their lot. And who is saved from his own avarice – such are they who are successful. (Qur'an, Verse 55:9)

The Oregon New Sanctuary Movement (ONSM) is an interfaith coalition of different religious leaders and congregations, called by our faith to respond actively and publicly to the suffering of our immigrant brothers and sisters residing in the United States. We stand together in our faith that everyone, regardless of national origin, has basic common rights, including but not limited to: 1) livelihood; 2) family unity; and 3) physical and emotional safety. We witness the violation of these rights under current immigration policy, particularly in the separation of children from their parents due to unjust deportations, and in the exploitation of immigrant workers. We are deeply grieved by the violence done to families through immigration raids and unjust detentions. We cannot in good conscience ignore such suffering and injustice.

We are committed to lifting up the voices of our immigrant brothers and sisters, working for just and humane immigration reform, and the transformation of the social and economic systems that perpetuate the poverty in immigrants' home countries that drives much of the migration to the US. We also seek ways to build relationships of solidarity between faith community members and immigrants – relationships that have the power to change hearts and minds and transform our communities.

Therefore, as an affiliate congregation of the ONSM we covenant to one or more of the following (mark all that apply):

- Renew our study of the sacred stories of migration and hospitality, injustice and hope, which already exist in our own faith tradition
- Educate ourselves about issues facing immigrants in our society and about immigration-related legislation
- Reveal, by lifting up the stories of immigrants, the actual suffering of immigrant workers and families under current and proposed legislation
- Take a public stand with immigrants against hate, workplace discrimination, exploitation and unjust deportation
- Work actively and publicly for just and humane immigration policies in the United States and fair trade policy abroad by, for example:
 - o Meeting with Members of Congress to ask for their support of comprehensive immigration reform
- Be a compassionate, persistent, and public voice for justice for our immigrant brothers and sisters
- Identify a Congregational Liaison to represent our congregation within the ONSM
- Financially support the work of the ONSM
- Accompany immigrant workers and their families by, for example:
 - o Going with immigrants to their immigration court hearings
 - o Inviting immigrants affected by raids and detentions to share traditional foods at our place of worship
 - o Providing sanctuary and accompaniment to undocumented immigrants affected in ongoing detentions

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