

Acting in Faith

The ONSM has organized people of faith and conscience to:

Educate ourselves and others about the roots causes of immigration and the devastating effects of our nation's current immigration policies and practices

Accompany immigrants to their immigration court hearings

Host a baby shower for four women who were pregnant at the time of the raid and a holiday gift drive for immigrant families affected in the Del Monte raid

Invite women affected by raids and detentions to share traditional foods at our places of worship

Organize a Mother's Day Vigil at the ICE Detention Center in Tacoma, WA



Provide sanctuary and accompaniment to undocumented immigrants affected in ongoing detentions

Organize a Week of Prayer and Action in opposition to SB 1070 in Arizona

Hold an Interfaith Posada to call on Congress to provide just and humane immigration reform

Advocate for just and humane immigration policies through our Love Has No Borders Campaign

We invite you to join us!

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Because Love Has No Borders...

Oregon New Sanctuary Movement

Prophetic Hospitality and
Justice for Immigrants



When an immigrant resides with you in your land, you shall not oppress the immigrant. The immigrant who resides with you shall be to you as the citizen among you; you shall love the immigrant as yourself, for you were immigrants 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)



Mission

The Oregon New Sanctuary Movement (ONSM) is an interfaith coalition of faith 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 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.

Our work consists of providing prophetic hospitality to immigrant families affected by immigration enforcement, our Love Has No Borders Campaign to take action for immigrant justice, and leading transformational educational and leadership opportunities for our volunteers.

History

In the 1980's faith communities across the nation offered sanctuary to refugees fleeing wars and repression in Central America. Several decades later in August 2007, Mexican national Elvira Arellano sought sanctuary for herself and her 7-year-old son, Saul, at their downtown Chicago church after Elvira was served a final deportation order. Inspired by Elvira's courageous move and troubled by the increasingly virulent attacks on Oregon's immigrant families, the ONSM initially emerged as a small subcommittee of the Portland Immigrant Rights Coalition. On June 12th, 2007 federal immigration agents raided the Del Monte plant in North Portland. 167 workers were arrested and detained. The raid brought a new sense of urgency to our work and mobilized many new faith communities to become involved in the ONSM.

