

ONSM 2010 Accomplishments

Increasing the involvement of faith communities and leaders advocating for immigrant and economic justice:

- Organizing “Interfaith Vigil & Posada: Welcoming the Stranger” where 80 people held a candlelight vigil outside of the Federal Building in Portland, OR calling for comprehensive immigration reform and Posada at First Congregational UCC with newspaper article in the Oregonian about ONSM
- Co-organizing a Mother’s Day Vigil at the ICE Detention Facility in Tacoma, WA in conjunction with the Washington New Sanctuary Movement, 35 ONSM participants
- Creating “Love Has No Borders” postcards with principles for immigration reform. Over 500 postcards were signed by people of faith and delivered during educational meetings with the Oregon Congressional delegation in Washington, D.C. and Oregon
- Engaging faith communities in the response to SB 1070 in Arizona through co-organizing the Isaiah 58 Vigil, recruiting three faith leaders to submit an Op/Ed which was published in the Stump section of the Oregonian, and supporting the Rally and Photo Shoot Against SB 1070
- Hosting Witness for Peace Tour on the root causes of migration with Nicaraguan campesino leader, over 70 people in attendance
- Active participation in the Secure Communities planning to develop responses to the collaboration of the criminal justice system with the immigration system
- Two KBOO interviews
- Worked in collaboration with VOZ, Committee of Solidarity and Mutual Support, Vecinos en Alerta, Washington County Youth Movement and the Safe Communities Project
- Screening of “Frozen Dreams” and Immigration Forum at Multnomah Monthly Meeting of Friends, over 40 people in attendance

Building and strengthening our base:

- Giving educational presentations to 19 different faith communities about immigration and the work of the ONSM and recruiting 8 new ONSM congregations
- Hosting quarterly Faith Leader Luncheons to broaden our base of support by engaging new or active congregations in the work of the ONSM
- Organizing our first annual “Love Has No Borders” Celebration Dinner with over 120 people in attendance, many of whom were new to the ONSM
- Organizing an Immigration Delegation with 12 faith and lay leaders to learn about immigration issues in Washington County

Engaging faith community members in direct support for immigrant families:

- Organizing faith communities to provide emergency assistance and ongoing emotional support to four immigrant families directly affected by immigration enforcement