

Interest Group Report Form
SCL Leaven Assembly and SCL Associate Gathering
July 30 and 31, 2018

Name of Interest Group: Immigration

Co-Chairs: S. Sheila Karpan and S. Elizabeth Youngs

The Immigration Group consists of 22 members. Most people live in the KC/Leavenworth area and meetings have been held every 4-6 weeks. The group continues to refine its process and define the multi-faceted layers within immigration. Members recognize that this is a fluid issue and between meetings new situations or legislation can erupt. These notes do not include the current crisis at the southern borders which resulted in the separation of parents and children.

Processes, events and/or projects accomplished since Leaven Assembly 2017

- **Logistical decisions of meeting places, times, frequency**
- **Each member shared passion, interest/experience in Immigration**
- **Under Immigration umbrella, areas of concern identified**
 1. **National Immigration Policy**
 2. **Accompaniment**
 3. **Global Migration**
 4. **Church Outreach**
- **Decision made to continue to meet as large group bookending smaller group work in above areas**

Processes, events and/or projects in process since Leaven Assembly 2017

1. National Policy: A. Passage of clean DACA legislation (or responding to legislation possibly passed between meetings); B. Political monitoring and advocacy of Policy Reform; C. Goals: Amplify, Add, Narrow Down. Investigate detention centers (prisons); D. Collaborate: Advocacy (lists of organizations in different areas); E. Bring awareness: Newspaper editorials, social media; F. Support those actively engaged.

2. Accompaniment: A. Detainees and/or families; B. Sanctuary: Sheltering; supportive services; C. Connect with Leavenworth people to discuss needs of their community; D. Advocacy; E. Participate, support actively engaged groups; F. Encourage voter registrations.

3. Global Migration: A. Address the core causes of migration such as warfare, economic disparity, persecution; B. Enormity of refugee crisis 65.6 million people displaced by conflict; C. Consider specific geographic areas; D. Share reports from Janet Cashman; E. Form sub-committee of others outside of interest group; F. Begin "Did You Know" in Daily News

4. Church Outreach and Ministry: A. Provide worship opportunities in the language of the people in the area; B. Form welcoming group; be open to identifying parishioner resistance, working with it; C. Investigate if there is a "strategic plan" for parishes that others are using

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