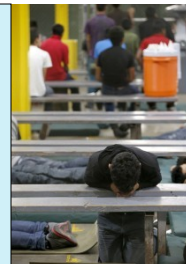


Migrant Children Require Humanitarian Response

Letter To: PRESIDENT OBAMA, JEH JOHNSON (Secretary of Dept. of Homeland Security), & MEMBERS OF CONGRESS

To be delivered via Press Conference & to White House, Dept. of Homeland Security & appropriate House of Representatives



As people of faith, we call on you to address the magnitude and urgency of the humanitarian crisis of migrant children, by taking the following immediate and appropriate actions:

Give or Mail to:
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Refugee & Immigration Ministries,
5 Thomas Circle NW,
Washington, DC 20005,
sstanley@dhm.disciples.org,
202-957-7826 for turn in to legislators.
For add'l background resources, go to:
www.discipleshomemissions.org/dhm/dhm-ministries/refugee-immigration-ministries/
Or, sign petition and share online at:
<http://action.groundswell-mvmt.org/petitions/address-humanitarian-crisis-of-unaccompanied-children-in-immigration-detention>

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Faith leader? (Ck if yes.)

Type of Leader: (i.e., clergy, deacon, elder, etc.):

*Provide generous emergency funds to address this large-scale humanitarian crisis. The House Appropriations Committee should approve and increase the \$1.9 billion approved that the Senate subcommittee recommends for the Office of Refugee Resettlement to help these children.

*Provide safe and humane living conditions, medical care and mental health support without delay.

*Provide access to visitation ministries, pastoral care, play and activities appropriate for children.

*Provide legal assistance and legal representation to all children.

*Collaborate creatively with the faith community, non-governmental agencies, the United Nations Refugee agency, and all who care about this humanitarian disaster.

*Release the children as quickly as possible with their family members in the U.S. and/or therapeutic placements, mentor homes, and foster homes for young children and pregnant and parenting teens, rather than placing such children in large institutional settings.

*Require that all children released from federal custody receive follow up services to ensure their safety and well being.

*Improve the trafficking screening, training and protocols along the border so that children entering the United States are properly evaluated and that victims of trafficking and persecution are effectively identified and referred for appropriate services.

*Ensure accurate investigation of Customs and Border Patrol (CBP) abuse and allow independent human rights monitoring to ensure oversight and transparency of the handling of these children, in order to prevent further abuses from occurring.

This petition is shared through the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) Refugee & Immigration Ministries, with aid of LIRS, and sponsored by Clergy and Laity United for Economic Justice-CA, the Interfaith Coalition for Immigrant Rights, Interfaith Center for Worker Justice in San Diego, the Cal-Pacific Immigration Taskforce of the UMC and attendees of the Let My People Work Conference in LA.