

Recommendations for action: An open letter to our churches

From The Commission on Immigration Matters! of
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The Commission on Immigration Matters! for the Council of Hispanic Anabaptist Churches of the Northwest (**CIHAN**) first recognizes that, facing the political changes in the country, neither our churches nor our institutions can offer legal solutions for our immigrant families, but we urge these actions in our churches to prepare and defend our families facing the threat of mass deportations.

1. **Prayer:** Together, let us cry out to GOD to give strength to His people, that we do not give ground to fear and desperation.
2. **Declaration:** Let us confess our need to one another in the church so we can support each other openly and in solidarity.
3. **Preparation:** Let us encourage and help families to get documents that may keep families together: passports for their children—American-born or foreign-born — and to designate temporary guardians for the care of their children in case of parents' absence. We can look for resources to help those in need.
4. **Organization:** Let us organize church networks of first responders for aiding our families in the moment of emergency with: childcare, transportation, information on attorneys and how to contact a loved one who has been detained, etc. Let us organize information sessions to provide our families with critical information and contacts.

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The commission welcomes your response or questions.