

Immigration Update-

While it seems progress on the national stage is slipping away for the near term (as in perhaps until 2016 now), immigrant rights groups and faith communities continue to pressure President Obama to take administrative action to restrain the deportations, as we are reaching 2 million deportations in this administration. This means many of those deportations would be unnecessary, had reform been passed. This is a real tragedy for 1100 families per day being split up.

WNIRR, our Wisconsin network, will continue to work on national action, but we are also turning to current state bills introduced in our state Assembly by Rep. JoCasta Zamarripa which include:

1. Reinstating the Wisconsin driver's card so that undocumented drivers may be authorized to drive and may therefore purchase auto insurance;
2. Establishment of a voluntary state holiday honoring Cesar Chavez;
3. Reinstating in-state tuition for undocumented and DACA-certified students.

WNIRR's upcoming national action includes hosting the Wisconsin visit of the nationwide Fast4Families bus tour in Janesville on March 18 and Brookfield/Waukesha on March 17.

Specifically, our Task Force will host the event in Janesville on Tuesday, March 18 at Mt. Zion United Methodist Church. This will include a community forum and/or vigil and a press conference at Paul Ryan's office as we deliver a letter demanding his leadership in immediate House action.

As always, thank you for your ongoing commitment to our immigrant families and the greater community.

Bendiciones, Blessings,

Donna Veatch, Chair

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