



## SoCal Presbyterian Immigrant Accompaniment Ministry

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### **CELEBRATE WORLD REFUGEE DAY, SUNDAY JUNE 20<sup>th</sup> and PC(USA) IMMIGRATION SUNDAY, JULY 4<sup>th</sup>**

We invite your church to dedicate a Sunday focused on immigration.

The PC(USA) has meaningful worship resources available for your church that day, or you can download this Immigration Sunday bulletin sample to get ideas.

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**JOIN US!!**

### **SoCal Presbyterian Immigrant Accompaniment Ministry Gathering** (formerly "Pacific Presbytery Immigration and Refugee Task Force")

**Time: Jun 24, 2021 07:00 PM Pacific Time (US and Canada)**

Join Zoom Meeting: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87505472890>

**Meeting ID: 875 0547 2890**

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Al Otro Lado (one of our legal service partners) needs volunteers in Tijuana to assist with the accompaniment of asylum seekers to the US port of entry. Currently, asylum seekers are being approved to cross in groups twice per day, seven days a week. Volunteers are accompanying each group.

**Why accompany political asylees to the border?** We must ensure every political asylee's right to seek protection in the U.S. is upheld by the U.S. Border Patrol. We must hold CBP accountable to make sure every asylum claim is processed and given credible fear inventory.

**How does this work?** We will call each asylum seeker to confirm details and coordinate plans for accompaniment two days prior to their crossing date. Then, on the day of the accompaniment, volunteers work in shifts of approximately 2 hours, starting at 7:30am or 2:30pm Pacific time, meeting the asylum seekers at the U.S. port of entry in Tijuana to ensure that their asylum claims are processed.

**Am I trained in how to do this?** Yes, volunteer training calls are organized weekly by Al Otro Lado.

**Can I come just once? Can I come multiple times?** Yes to both! If you live in Southern California or Tijuana, you can plug into one or several shifts weekly on a regular basis. If you are not local, you can plan a trip to Tijuana and cover most or all of the shifts during your time on the ground.

**When can I start?** We volunteers to cover accompaniment shifts IMMEDIATELY! Weekend shifts will likely only continue through the month of June, but Monday-Friday shifts will continue into July and probably beyond.

**How do I sign up?** If you are interested in supporting this effort, please email [volunteer@alotrolado.org](mailto:volunteer@alotrolado.org) and type in "NEW ACCOMPANIMENT VOLUNTEER" in the subject line. Thank you!

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### "The Church's Response to the Immigration Crisis"

Immigration Study Group on Zoom

First and Third Tuesdays from 7-8pm

Debbie Breeding and Anita Chombeng are students at Fuller Theological Seminary this spring, taking the class: "The Church's Response to the Immigration Crisis" led by Rev. Dr. Alexia Salvatierra, Madrina of Matthew 25/Mateo 25. As part of the class, they are to share what they know by gathering their own study group. This will be an excellent, stimulating, extraordinary opportunity for us to be part of a study on immigration together, as well as be led from the immigrant and non-immigrant perspectives.

Please let us know if you'd like to join us! This class will only be every other Tuesday (the first and third Tuesdays of the month). Come check us out! We need committed people, willing to participate for six months.

RSVP: [heidi@pacificpresbytery.org](mailto:heidi@pacificpresbytery.org)

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### Reserve your spot for the September 2021 Virtual Border Pilgrimage

Join other SoCal Presbyterian friends for a virtual pilgrimage along and across the U.S. – Mexico border: [El Camino de San Diego](#)

Dates: Meet & Greet – Wednesday, Sep 1, 5:30-6:30pm  
Virtual Visits – Thursdays, Sep 2, 9, 16, 23, 10:00am-12:00pm  
Worship & Closing – Sunday, Sep 26, 1:00-4:00pm

For more information or to reserve your spot, email Kristi Van Nostran at [PresbyWelcome@gmail.com](mailto:PresbyWelcome@gmail.com)

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