

# As Title 42 Ends at the Border, Five Things Faith Communities Can Do to Welcome Asylum Seekers

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Faith organizations are celebrating the lifting of <u>Title 42</u> after years of it being misused to rapidly expel asylum seekers at the southern border. However, there are grave concerns that the policies the Biden administration is implementing in its place will have severe, life-threatening consequences for asylum seekers and migrants. These harmful actions include through an asylum ban, <u>sending troops</u> to the border, expedited removal, and expansion of detention.

Check out partner resources about <u>Title 42</u> and the <u>asylum ban</u>. For a collection of resources and advocacy materials, please <u>click here</u>.

It is clear that continued advocacy from people of faith is needed to restore protections for all people seeking safety. Here are five actions you and your faith community can take today:

### 1. Make a Statement that Your Faith Community Supports Asylum Seekers

• See examples from the Interfaith Immigration Coalition and Welcome with Dignity

# 2. Post Support for Asylum Seekers on Social Media & Share Positive Stories

- Welcome with Dignity Messaging Guidance
- America's Voice Digital Toolkit
- Welcome with Dignity Positive Stories of Welcome Toolkit
- Interfaith Talking Points on H.R. 2, the Secure the Border Act

#### 3. Tell Congress and President Biden to Welcome Asylum Seekers

- Church World Service Action Alert
- American Friends Service Committee's Petition to President Biden

### 4. Mobilize a Vigil or Public Witness Event

 Host an event at your local congressperson's office, your place of worship, or in another public space to express solidarity with asylum seekers and border groups across the country. Learn more about taking action locally <a href="here">here</a>, mobilize your own action by signing up <a href="here">here</a>, and find previous resources for planning your vigil <a href="here">here</a>.

# 5. Volunteer at a Shelter or Welcome Center or Accompany an Asylum Seeker

- Accompaniment Resources
- Accompaniment Network Map