



Holy Voices Faith Gatherings to Mobilize Action

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Join the IIC each month to hear from faith leaders, directly-impacted individuals, experts, and other advocates on the frontlines of the fight for immigrant justice. These virtual gatherings are an opportunity to learn, pray, and take action as an interfaith community.

February 24 | Holy Voices: Justice for Black Immigrants

As part of Black History Month and the [Black Immigrant Advocacy Day of Action](#), the IIC hosted its second-annual prayer event led by Black immigrants and faith leaders.

Speakers included **Gerald Olufemi-Lamar Darling Jr** (Sojourners), **Imani Cruz** (AFSC), **Anita Chombeng** (former asylum seeker, current immigrant organizer with Presbytery of the Pacific), **Rev. Dr. Samuel Nicolas** (Haitian Pastor), **Saidou Sow** (deported Mauritanian), **Seydou Sarr** (Muslim leader and deported Mauritanian), and **Guerline Jozef** (Haitian Bridge Alliance).

- [Watch the recording](#) to hear about the challenges Black immigrants face and to join in praying for justice.
- [Use this toolkit](#) to take action in solidarity with Black immigrants.

March 31 | Holy Voices: Gender Inequality & Climate Displacement

Gender and climate are profoundly intertwined, and women bear the brunt of the impacts of climate disasters. On the final day of Women's History Month, the IIC co-hosted an important conversation on the intersection of climate displacement, gender inequality, and forced migration.

Expert panelists included **Krish O'Mara Vignarajah** (President and CEO, Lutheran Immigration & Refugee Services), **Cynthia Moe-Lobeda** (Christian ethicist, Center for Climate Justice and Faith, Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary), and **Rabbi Jennie Rosenn** (Jewish ethicist, Founder and CEO of Dayenu: A Jewish Call to Climate Action).

This event was hosted by the IIC, LIRS, and the Center for Climate Justice and Faith at PLTS.

- [Watch the recording](#)

- Visit [LIRS' Climate Hub](#) to learn more and take action

April 13 | Holy Voices: Prayers of Liberation & Hope for Immigration Relief

This April, we're channeling the liberatory spirit of Ramadan, Passover, and Easter into our fight for citizenship! During this gathering, faith leaders and directly-impacted individuals shared prayers, reflections on the ongoing struggle for immigration relief and how our religious traditions provide hope, and opportunities to take action.

Speakers included **Imam Saffet Catovic** (Islamic Society of North America Office for Interfaith and Community Alliances, DC), **Rabbi Joshua Aaronson** (Temple Judea in Tarzana, CA), **Juan Carlos Cerda** (DACA recipient with the American Business Immigration Coalition and the Bishop's Immigration Task Force for the Catholic Diocese of Dallas, TX), and **Rev. Dr. Cheni Khonje** (Georgetown Presbyterian Church, DC).

- [Watch the recording](#)
- [Use this toolkit](#) to take action for citizenship

May 12 | Holy Voices from the Border: Restore Asylum Now

Amid continued attacks on the U.S. asylum system, the IIC and American Friends Service Committee (AFSC) hosted a critical conversation about the life-saving importance of being able to seek asylum at the southern border. Faith-based advocates shared about the impact of recent and upcoming changes to Title 42 and Remain in Mexico (MPP), with particular attention to the implications for families.

Speakers included **Marisa Limón Garza** (Hope Border Institute), **Sue Kenney-Pfalzer** (HIAS), **Pedro De Valasco** (Kino Border Initiative), and **Cynthia Gonzalez** (St. Columban Mission for Justice, Peace and Ecology). Live interpretation was offered in Spanish.

- [Watch the recording](#)
- [Use this toolkit](#) to take action for asylum

June 13, 7 pm ET | Holy Voices for World Refugee Day: Welcome For All!

The number of people seeking safety globally continues to climb while the U.S.' ability to welcome them continues to deteriorate. To mark World Refugee Day on June 20, we heard from directly-impacted leaders, people of faith, and advocates about the urgent need to restore welcome for all. From the refugee resettlement program to the asylum system, speakers educated, inspired, and equipped attendees to advocate for change.

Speakers included **Mustafa Babak** (Afghan-American Foundation), **DJ Grin - Mahanga Donal** (former refugee, artist, and youth leader), **Tarteel Alimam** (CAIR - AZ), **Taisha Saintil** (Haitian Bridge Alliance), **Gustavo Sermeño** (asylum seeker), **Sharon Stanley-Rea** (Disciples of Christ Refugee & Immigration Ministries), **Anika Forrest** (Friends Committee on National Legislation), and **Rabbi Megan Doherty** (HIAS).

This event is co-hosted by the IIC, We Are All America, Friends Committee on National Legislation (FCNL), and Church World Service (CWS).

- [Watch the recording](#)
- [Use this toolkit](#) to take action for refugees