



The CommUUnicator

Newsletter of the Unitarian Universalist
Fellowship of Waynesboro

What is to be Done? (Part 2)

This is the second in a series of reports from the Social Justice Team's service on March 23. The congregation at this service divided into seven groups with each assigned a different social justice topic. This report is from the group discussing immigration, facilitated by Heather Banks.

Immigration Word Cloud

want to help direct people to safe resources
provide legal assistance **angry** stand up to ICE
not how our country should be
scared for our community
embarrassed by this administration's actions **human beings aren't illegal**
raids are terrifying
estamos contigo

What can we do for Immigrants?

- Supply UUFW members with Red Cards to distribute to immigrants, businesses, schools and neighbors. The wallet-size cards list what is and is not required if people claiming to be police or ICE come to a residence or other location.
- Talk about, report, and find legal redress for people, of any citizenship status, not allowed to return from trips abroad for family visits, travel, study here or abroad, or conferences.
- Pressure Congress, regardless of party, to fix steps toward legal status and citizenship, especially Dreamers brought here as children and those with Temporary

Protected Status (TPS) because of natural disasters or countries in turmoil.

- Be aware and vocal about the many workers—professionals to laborers—who provide critical skills and labor, whether fully documented or not.
- Help the many families of mixed visa and/or citizenship status. Some member might be deported or not allowed to return if they leave the U.S., however briefly. Many people don't realize that marrying a U.S. citizen, serving in the U.S. armed forces, or having children born here, neither confers U.S. citizenship nor prevents deportation.
- Support organizations that lost government funding but provided information and support to newly arrived immigrants and/or refugees.
- Also support classes in English and other topics on the complex road to citizenship. Years of residence, complex tests, and significant fees are required. Many groups providing these services have lost funding.
- Recognize, listen to and work to alleviate the distress of immigrants, refugees and dual citizens who thought they left behind the stresses now felt in this country, including beatings, arrests and disappearances.

New Member Spotlight

Laura Prochaska was drawn to the Fellowship after attending the Staunton Pride Festival last



year and meeting some of our members at the UUFW tent. She lives in Fishersville and is starting a new job as supervisor of the Ultrasound Department at Augusta Health.

Medical Imaging is her area of expertise. She was most recently the lead Sonographer at UVA Medical Center. Her current career is just the latest in a life of exploring a variety of interests and occupations.

Laura grew up in Waynesboro where her family attended a local Mennonite church. At a young age, she traveled the world for the evangelical Christian organization, *Youth with a Mission*. She spent more than two years in her late teens and early 20s doing missionary work in New Zealand, Australia, China, Malaysia, Indonesia, Morocco, Tunisia and other countries.

Following her travels, Laura lived in several states in this country studying different subjects, including art, photography, coding and web development, while working in a variety of jobs. In 2010, she earned a Bachelor's degree in Health Sciences at George Washington University, which helped launch her current career.

Some of Laura's favorite hobbies include collecting rocks, lapidary, crafting, and going to the gym. She also practices Buddhism, chanting and enjoys learning to play different

musical instruments. She is bringing some interesting knowledge and skills to our UUFW community.

News from the Unitarian Universalist Association

"The UUA is proud to announce we are a plaintiff in the sensitive locations policy lawsuit. We join a multifaith coalition to challenge the ending of ICE's policy, and oppose any interpretation of law which would allow immigration raids in houses of worship and religious ceremonies." Learn more about this initiative from the [UUA's press release](#).



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SATURDAY, APRIL 12, 7PM

