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**I Want to Get Involved!**

- Add my name to the list of volunteers who can be contacted on short notice to provide one or more of the Sanctuary Hosting services.
- I would like to learn more about volunteering with Centro de Ayuda (Center of Help) to assist immigrant families.
- I am interested in learning more about tutoring with the Anne Arundel County Literacy Council.
- I would like to serve on one of the Sanctuary Committees (Hosting, Outreach, or Advocacy).
- I can assist with fundraising to support the UUCA Sanctuary Church effort.
- I can donate furnishings (cots, cribs, etc.) on short notice.
- Keep me informed!

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Completed forms may be dropped off at the church office during normal business hours or on any Sunday .

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The UUCA's sanctuary efforts are funded from individual donations and group fundraising efforts.

To donate, make your check out to UUCA, and write "SANCTUARY" in the memo line of your check. Checks can be mailed to the church or dropped off at the church office during normal office hours or on any Sunday.

A portion of your donation may be used to support our partner organization, the Annapolis Immigration Justice Network.

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On April 1, 2017, at its Annual Meeting, UUCA members voted to approve this resolution, and become a Sanctuary Church:

**DECLARATION**

Whereas, in the face of looming threats to immigrants, Muslims, Jews, people of color, and the LGBTQ community and the rise of hate speech, harassment and hate crimes, and

Whereas, the principles of Unitarian Universalism call us to affirm the inherent worth and dignity of every person and to seek a world community with peace, liberty, and justice for all; and

Whereas, our Unitarian Universalist heritage reminds us of our moral responsibility to welcome and care for the immigrant, the stranger, and the most vulnerable among us; and

Whereas, UUCA approved By-law IV (April 1997) which affirms our support and celebration of those who are LBGTQ; and

Whereas, UUCA approved By-law V (April 2012) which commits us to creating and sustaining anti-racist, anti-oppressive and multicultural community; and

Whereas UUCA has a history of taking collective action to stand with marginalized communities in our city, region and nation;

Therefore, be it resolved that as people of conscience, the members of the Unitarian Universalist Church of Annapolis (UUCA) declare our commitment to translate our values into action and to stand on the side of love with the most vulnerable among us;

Furthermore, we declare that UUCA is a Sanctuary Church: we will provide support and refuge to immigrants regardless of their immigration status and to other marginalized people, as the ministry deems appropriate, with periodic reports by the Senior Minister (or designate) to the Board of Trustees regarding actions taken pursuant to this resolution.

Finally, we will work with partner organizations to create sacred space of sanctuary where it is needed. We dedicate ourselves to educate and activate our congregation, to amplify and respond to the voices of immigrant, refugee and leaders of marginalized communities, and to speak out against discrimination toward any and all marginalized people.



**The Unitarian  
Universalist Church  
of Annapolis**

**A Sanctuary  
Church**

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## Ways to Volunteer

### Community Outreach

- To initiate and maintain contact with organizations that serve the educational and human service needs of the immigrant community
- To identify opportunities by which the UUCA membership can provide tangible support to programs that benefit the immigrant community
- To encourage UUCA participation in building interpersonal relationships with immigrant individuals and families (tutoring, mentoring, ride share etc.)

### Outreach Efforts

Outreach is working with the Centro de Ayuda (Center of Help) to determine how UUCA members can expand our support of the local immigrant communities through the many programs and services it offers.

Contact:  
Anita Ramundo (a\_ramundo@yahoo.com)

Outreach is partnering with the Anne Arundel County Literacy Council to identify volunteer opportunities to assist with the tutoring of non-native English speakers, of the illiterate, and of those seeking Graduation Equivalency Diplomas. Many of our immigrant community members fit one or more of these categories.

Contact:  
Stephanie Anderson (sjacape@gmail.com)

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## Sanctuary Hosting

- To ensure that, should we host one or more sanctuary guests the physical plant and services provided would offer safety and dignity.
- To establish a system through which we might support another hosting congregation
- To offer ways in which UUCA members and friends can become involved in the hosting or support of an immigrant family

### Hosting Needs

Sanctuary Hosting addresses UUCA hosting an immigrant family and/or supporting other churches or organizations that may be engaged in hosting efforts.

On-call (little or no prior notice) volunteer support may be needed for the following:

- Grocery shopping
- Prepare and deliver meals to families
- Transportation - to or from school, shopping, errands, appointments
- Interpretation services
- Donations of cots, cribs, diapers

Contact:  
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## Sanctuary Advocacy

- To educate the congregation about immigration policy issues
- To facilitate letter writing campaigns to advocate for undocumented immigrants
- To engage with similarly focused groups outside of UUCA, such as the Annapolis Immigration Justice Network.

