



“Just Us”

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In the Face of Violence...

The PBS series on the Holocaust serves as a grim reminder that in every age we place a low value on human life and can easily turn our backs on those who are most in need.

The United States refused to accept Jewish refugees during the Second World War and after except in very small numbers.

Today we see we have not changed our sentiments toward those fleeing violence in other nations.

Those at our southern borders who await an opportunity to apply for asylum are again treated as objects!

We have not found a humane way to deal with the entrance of those seeking asylum. The use of deceit and trickery to entice migrants warrants consideration with charging the Governor of Florida (and others) with human trafficking violations! It was a violation of human rights, whether he can be charged or not!

What's Happening at our Southern Border?

Our CSSJ Federation hosts a webinar series called “Dear Neighbor” which gives participants an opportunity to hear first-hand what is happening on our southern border. Thursday’s webinar was particularly enlightening!

Sr. Deirdre Griffin, immigration lawyer working with Las Americas Immigrant Advocacy Center in El Paso, Polo Morales from **CHIRLA (Coalition for Human Rights)** and Sarah White, St. Joseph Worker from Orange, Ca each spoke about their work and what is currently happening.

The webinar is posted on the Federation Youtube :

<https://youtu.be/-LRCEopljwE>

Las Americas Immigrant Advocacy Center, located in El Paso, TX / Ciudad Juarez, MX: [ps://las-americas.org/en/aboutus](https://las-americas.org/en/aboutus)

Catholic Charities San Diego: <https://catholiccharitiesdioceseofsandiego-bloom.kindful.com/>

Take-Aways from the Webinar:

Although Title 42, Remain in Mexico is still in place, thousands of immigrants from many countries are still waiting in Mexico to be processed in the US. Currently Venezuelans are being admitted because of situations in their country that are causing them to see asylum. Venezuelans fleeing their country wait in the space between the river and the fence to turn themselves in to Border Patrol. The US has no diplomatic relations with Venezuela so they have been allowed to enter to have cases heard before asylum judges. The escalating number has caused Republican governors from southern states to ship them off to other states in the US as we have recently read and heard in the news. Communities receiving them had no warning!

Thousands from other countries around the world still wait to be processed.

“Unlock Permanent Residence Through Registry!” HR 8433 Campaign by CHIRLA

This bill renews a 1929 law that is already on the books. CHIRLA is campaigning for its renewal.

This effort is to get HR 8433 passed and if it does, it would update the immigration registry date to unlock permanent residence for about 8 million immigrants. The bill has been introduced in the House of Representatives by Reps. Zoe Lofgren (CA-19). It is called introduced the “Renewing Immigration Provisions of the Immigration Act of 1929,” which would update Section 249 of the Immigration and Nationality Act known as **registry**.

It currently allows only those people who have been continuously present in the United States since before January 1, 1972. Since registry was first codified in 1929, Congress has modified it numerous times, most recently during the Reagan Administration, to modernize restrictions and advance the cutoff date for eligibility. The Renewing Immigration Provisions of the Immigration Act of 1929 would update the registry provision by moving the eligibility cutoff date so that an immigrant may qualify if they have been in the United States at least seven years.

It will soon be introduced into the Senate. Please ask your local Representative to sign on as a co-sponsor!

More Resources:

Syracuse TRAC <https://trac.syr.edu/immigration/quickfacts/>

Freedom for Immigrants <https://www.freedomforimmigrants.org/why-abolition>

Involvement in Unlock Registry legislative campaign: email Apolonio Morales, amorales@chirla.org

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Action Needed!

[Pregnant Workers Fairness Act](#) (Click link for NETWORK/partner messaging.)

“Despite previous legislation, pregnant workers are routinely denied basic, temporary accommodations to ensure a healthy pregnancy. These accommodations are often as simple as a stool to sit on, a break from lifting heavy boxes, schedule changes, and protection from dangerous conditions. These accommodations are especially important for workers in jobs requiring physical activity or exposure to hazardous environments. In lieu of reasonable accommodations at the workplace, many pregnant workers face undue pressure to take a leave of absence, which may jeopardize their livelihood. The reality of persistent discrimination in the workplace and the lack of clarity around employer obligations calls for new legislation to provide straightforward guidance for both employers and pregnant workers. The Pregnant Workers Fairness Act is that long-needed piece of legislation.”

This important legislation is a life issue and it is sponsored by the interfaith community. It has passed the House of Representatives with bi-partisan support and it has bi-partisan support in the Senate but it must be brought to the floor for a vote!

Please call Senator Schumer and ask that it be brought to a floor vote now!

Call Phone: (202) 224-6542

Just give your name and where you are from. Tell the person answering you support this bill and want it brought to the floor for a vote!