

Welcome to the Creating Sanctuary Team site on the GCPC website! Here are some links to related ideas, and here are ways of getting involved both at GCPC and in the wider community, where there are ecumenical, interfaith, and community nonprofit efforts to create sanctuary in our town and our region.

Ways to get involved at GCPC:

- Come to Creating Sanctuary Team (CST) meetings. They are OPEN to anyone in the congregation who's interested in seeing what folks in the church are doing. They'll be announced in the newsletter and the bulletin. Contact Anne Callison Stokely (annecallisonstokely@gmail.com) or Kathy Meacham (krmeacham@gmail.com) or Marcia Mount Shoop (mmshoop@gcpcusa.org).
- Read the weekly articles in the GCPC newsletter, edited by Jim Stokely and written by Carol Hovis, Tish Anderson, Robin Gaiser, Marcy Onieal. Contact Jim: stokely.jim@gmail.com .
- Return the interest inventory form from Pisgah Legal Services – available from Anne Callison Stokely: annecallisonstokely@gmail.com .
- Join the Creating Sanctuary Team Google Group. This is an email system for sending and receiving emails to the folks at GCPC who have indicated an interest in getting involved in GCPC's ongoing work to create a culture of sanctuary – as well as in supporting the Unitarian Universalist Church of Asheville, as they move toward providing physical sanctuary, if needed. Here's how: contact Anne Callison Stokely (annecallisonstokely@gmail.com) or Kathy Meacham (krmeacham@gmail.com).
- Can you help provide rides for immigrants who need to get medical help or legal work done? Bill Neeriemer is coordinating rides between GCPC folks and Pisgah Legal: bill.nmer@gmail.com .
- Join the Power and Race Team (PART) – by contacting Keaton Hill (khill@jayhill.net), George DeWalder (dewaldg@charter.net), and Amy Wiesner (amywiesner@charter.net).
- Learn about the history of GCPC becoming a congregation that is friendly to people who identify as LGBTQX –by contacting Joe Brumit (joeb@ncarbys.com), Amy Wiesner (amywiesner@charter.net), Susan Meade (rjmsfm@gmail.com), or Peggy Rada (pfrada@charter.net).

RESOURCES that are helpful for understanding issues of sanctuary

- PCUSA office of the General Assembly: <http://oga.pcusa.org/section/mid-council-ministries/immigration/sanctuary>
- American Immigration Council: <https://americanimmigrationcouncil.org>
- Catholic Legal Immigration Network: <https://cliniclegal.org>
- This website includes a helpful paper on the case law regarding “harboring.”
- NC Council of Churches: <http://nc-councilof-churches.thinkific.com/courses/sanctuary-e-course>. Click ‘login’ or ‘create an account;’ click ‘NEXT’ after completing each lesson.
- www.sanctuarynotdeportation.org - This is a website with many helpful pages, inc. :
 - Interfaith Sanctuary Toolkit
 - Sanctuary Tactics and Strategy
 - How to Build a Sanctuary Coalition
 - Legal Questions and Answers

LOCAL and WNC involved in sanctuary work:

- “WNC Sanctuary” Facebook page:
[WNC Sanctuary Movement-a partnership between immigrant & faith communities](#)
- CIMA: <http://colawnc.org> (CIMA also has a Facebook page.)
- Nuestro Centro: <http://nuestrocentro.weebly.com> (Nuestro Centro also has a FB page.)

For local groups not directly involved in sanctuary, but where there is great need:

- Get involved with the Buncombe County Literacy Council: <http://litcouncil.com/> or ask Debby Wolcott about this opportunity: debbywolcott@gmail.com
- Come to the Latino Steering Council at the YWCA – 3rd Wednesday of every month @ 10 AM, moderated by Thalia Hoy from Pisgah Legal. Networking group: Anne Callison Stokely is attending these, and others are welcome.

MEDIA stories (a very small sampling):

- NPR: <https://www.npr.org/2017/09/30/554557044/federal-plan-to-keep-files-of-immigrant-social-media-activity-causes-alarm>
- NPR: <https://www.npr.org/2017/10/20/559113178/dhs-under-pressure-over-alleged-violation-of-policies-on-sensitive-locations>
- Politico: <https://www.politico.com/story/2017/10/05/california-sanctuary-city-jerry-brown-signs-243503>