



# Rise Up for Refuge

Join the nonpartisan movement in defense of refuge and humanity.

**Our neighbors are under threat. The time to act is now.**

Across the United States immigrant and refugee families are living in fear while facing increasing violence, mass detention, forced deportations and dangerous dehumanizing rhetoric. These inhumane and illegal actions are tearing families apart, depriving people of constitutional rights and closing off legal pathways to safety – threatening the livelihoods of not only undocumented immigrants, but also legally present refugees, asylum seekers, green card holders and naturalized citizens.

**Together, Americans of diverse faiths and backgrounds are rising up to defend welcome, compassion and the belief that our nation should protect the dignity and rights of every person.**

From Chicago and Charlotte to Portland, Gainesville and Minneapolis, congregations, community organizations and neighbors are supporting immigrants and refugees with legal assistance, accompaniment and advocacy in defense of refuge.

These grassroots efforts reflect a growing moral action movement – one that Rise Up for Refuge is designed to amplify, strengthen and resource.



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## About Rise Up for Refuge

### A movement in motion and getting stronger.

Rise Up for Refuge is an inclusive, nonpartisan moral action movement launched by Church World Service (CWS) to strengthen, resource and amplify community-led efforts supporting immigrant and refugee communities:



#### Amplify Local Action

Provide resources, coordination and expertise to connect and increase the impact of local community action.



#### Shape the Narrative

Elevate voices and stories that counter dehumanizing rhetoric and inspire moral courage across the country.



#### Activate Communities of Conscience

Grow participation of new communities in the movement by providing guidance, training, connection and simple ways to join local and national efforts.



#### Expand Legal Support

Increase access to legal services, protection and accompaniment for individuals and families directly targeted by efforts to detain, deport and demonize newcomers.

## Why CWS?

### 80 years of faith-rooted, justice-rooted service.

- 80 years serving immigrant and refugee communities
- National presence through local CWS offices and longstanding community partners across the United States
- Deep expertise in refugee resettlement, immigration law, community organizing and advocacy

## Get Involved

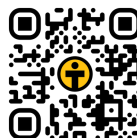


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### Take Action



Sign up to receive news, events, resources and ways to take action as part of the Rise Up for Refuge Campaign.



Sign up for our Action Alerts to stay informed, mobilize your community and take action when and where it matters most.

### Partner With Us

Contact Mary Elizabeth Margolis at [memargolis@cwsglobal.org](mailto:memargolis@cwsglobal.org) to learn more about how to become a partner and join us at the table.

### Support the Movement



Your gift helps make this work possible. Financial support at every level helps us support community-led efforts and scale this movement to achieve greater impact.

We cannot be passive bystanders. Together, we can meet this moment with the resolve it demands. **Help answer this urgent call: Rise with us to defend refuge.**