## Immigration Advocacy Matrix

A guide for congregations/communities to use to take action and advocate for our immigrant neighbors

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<th>Target Audience</th>
<th>Level of Engagement</th>
<th>Individuals or Small Groups/Congregations/ Districts</th>
<th>Affected Community: Immigrants/Refugees/Asylees/ Undocumented Individuals/DACA Recipients/Others</th>
<th>General Public/Policy Makers/ Public Officials/ Voters</th>
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| AWARENESS       | Listen & Discuss    | • Discuss basic facts about current laws, acts of discrimination  
                  |                     | • Review immigration study guides  
                  |                     | • Preach about immigration  
                  |                     | • Provide basic legal information  
                  |                     | • Share stories together  
                  |                     | • Discover ministries already in place- find churches/orgs already serving the Hispanic community  
                  |                     | • Learn about public views around immigration  
                  |                     | • Learn about stances on immigration of elected officials |
| EDUCATION       | Educate & Learn      | • Provide facts/resources on the pathway to citizenship, reasons for migration, immigrant population in NC  
                  |                     | • Discuss increase in detentions and deportations  
                  |                     | • Listen to impacted community members  
                  |                     | • Host educational events- film festival, card writing event, panel discussion, etc.  
                  |                     | • Host free legal clinics  
                  |                     | • Provide ESL classes  
                  |                     | • Share information about rapid response networks & other resources to aid impacted individuals  
                  |                     | • Learn about existing initiatives already in place serving the Hispanic community  
                  |                     | • Inform legislators and public about the practical problems families are facing  
                  |                     | • Send letters to elected officials & press  
                  |                     | • Make calls to your elected officials |
| CULTIVATION     | Develop & Build      | • Educate and empower congregations/communities to show hospitality  
                  |                     | • Connect with local immigrant churches/community, build relationships, and learn from each other: cultures, skills, etc.  
                  |                     | • Collaborate with local immigrant organizations  
                  |                     | • Collaborate & connect with local immigrant advocacy groups/orgs and support their work-volunteer, donate, etc.  
                  |                     | • Pursue partnerships with existing initiatives  
                  |                     | • Encourage immigrants to advocate for themselves  
                  |                     | • Write letters to immigrants in detention  
                  |                     | • Build relationships with elected officials  
                  |                     | • Host listening sessions/forums and invite affected community members to share their stories  
                  |                     | • Send testimonials and postcards |
| ADVOCACY        | Act & Advocate       | • Visit immigrants in detention facilities  
                  |                     | • Advocate with neighboring immigrant churches  
                  |                     | • Partner with local immigrant organizations on events  
                  |                     | • Mobilize neighboring congregations to respond to the harsh actions seen in our communities  
                  |                     | • Build a rapid response network  
                  |                     | • Attend ICE verifier trainings  
                  |                     | • Support immigrants in sanctuary  
                  |                     | • Build community support system for impacted immigrants  
                  |                     | • Donate to immigrant-led organizations  
                  |                     | • Host know your rights events  
                  |                     | • Advocate for immigration reform that creates a legal pathway for our immigrant neighbors  
                  |                     | • Host a town hall meeting  
                  |                     | • Advocate against efforts of authorities to intimidate the immigrant community |

For more information, visit [ncchurches.org/ programs/immigrant-rights/](http://ncchurches.org/ programs/immigrant-rights/)