

On March 19, 2017, our Parish established a Sanctuary Task Force whose charge is to gather information about what would be involved if our members vote to become part of the sanctuary movement in Madison. The Task Force has decided to focus its efforts on the consideration of offering sanctuary on our campus.

Why Are We Considering Offering Sanctuary?

There are people in Madison who are currently at risk of being deported without access to due process. Leaders of this threatened community have asked FUS to become part of a network of Madison religious communities offering physical sanctuary.

What in our Faith Asks Us to Consider Offering Sanctuary?

One of our Three FUS Vision Statements says,

“We will strive to live our UU principles within our larger community.”

UUA principles which seem to apply most directly to the consideration of offering sanctuary:

- Our First Principle, which affirms and promotes the inherent worth and dignity of all human beings
- Our Second Principle, which affirms and promotes the use of justice, equity, and compassion in human relations.

Questions Currently Being Addressed By the Task Force

What are the potential legal risks both to FUS as an institution and to individual FUS members and staff?

What are the insurance and other financial concerns we should consider?

What would providing sanctuary require in terms of volunteer support, staff time, space requirements

How can you become involved?

- * Read at uua.org> social justice>immigration>new sanctuary movement>practical toolkit
- * Attend Q&A gatherings held between May 4 and the Parish Meeting on June 4
- * Engage with members of the Task Force and with each other on this issue
- * Vote on the motion to be presented at the June 4 Parish Meeting