

**New York State
Interfaith Network for
Immigration Reform**
(Network Membership in Formation)

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Catholic Charities, Archdiocese of New York

Catholic Charities, Diocese of Brooklyn and Queens

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Council of Churches of the City of New York

Council of Peoples Organizations

Greater New York Labor-Religion Coalition

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Interfaith Center of New York

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New York Faith & Justice

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New York New Sanctuary Coalition

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The Sikh Coalition

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United Methodist Church, NY Conference

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**In partnership with*

The New York Immigration Coalition

The Hudson Valley Community Coalition

MISSION STATEMENT

The New York State Interfaith Network is a network of individuals and organizations representing/connected to diverse faith communities in New York State that has formed for the purpose of advocating for passage of just and humane immigration reform as soon as possible.

Network members believe that just and humane immigration reform, as delineated in the National Interfaith Immigration Coalition's *Interfaith Platform on Humane Immigration Reform* (summarized below), is required by the values of our faith communities and our nation, and meets our nation's security, economic, and political needs.

The Network affirms that just and humane immigration reform includes fair and humane treatment for all immigrants to our country, including refugees and asylum seekers.

National Interfaith Platform on Humane Immigration Reform Summary

The Hebrew Bible tells us: "The strangers who sojourn with you shall be to you as the natives among you, and you shall love them as yourself; for you were strangers in the land of Egypt" (Leviticus 19:33-34). In *The New Testament*, Jesus tells us to welcome the stranger, for "what you do to the least of my brethren, you do unto me" (Matthew 25:40). *The Qur'an* tells us that we should "do good to...those in need, neighbors who are near, neighbors who are strangers, the companion by your side, the wayfarer that you meet" (4:36). The Hindu *Taittiriya Upanishad* tells us: "The guest is a representative of God" (1.11.2).

Therefore, we call on the new Administration and 111th Congress to commit to:

- Uphold family unity as a priority of all immigration policies
- Create a process for undocumented immigrants to earn their legal status and eventual citizenship
- Protect workers and provide efficient channels of entry for new migrant workers
- Facilitate immigrant integration
- Restore due process protections and reform detention policies
- Align the enforcement of immigration laws with humanitarian values
- Recognize immigration as a matter of human rights

This platform has been signed onto by over 50 national faith organizations, and by hundreds of faith leaders – the list grows daily.

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