

AMMPARO

Accompanying Migrants with Protection, Advocacy, Representation and Opportunities

Action Guide

WHAT ARE WE ASKING YOU TO DO?

1. FIND OUT IF YOUR SYNOD or congregation is already engaged in work with migrant children and families and look at whether you can join in. Is there an immigration task force, Global Mission/companion synod committee, Latino ministry group already engaged on the issue?
2. IF THERE IS NO GROUP OR COMMITTEE, OFFER TO WORK WITH OTHERS in the development of a synod AMMPARO initiative.
3. BUILD AWARENESS through the participation in immersion experiences in Central America, Mexico and the U.S. border and local learning events.
4. ADVOCATE by connecting with Giovana Oaxaca at the ELCA Washington Office and your state public policy office for suggested actions.
5. ACCOMPANY MIGRANT CHILDREN AND FAMILIES THROUGH THE WELCOMING CONGREGATIONS PROGRAM.
6. PROVIDE SPIRITUAL SUPPORT THROUGH THE ELCA GUARDIAN ANGELS program for unaccompanied and migrant children and families court watch program.
7. ENCOURAGE LAWYERS IN YOUR SYNOD TO PROVIDE PRO-BONO REPRESENTATION for children and families.
8. GIVE TO SUPPORT WORK WITH UNACCOMPANIED MIGRANT CHILDREN AND FAMILIES at <https://community.elca.org/ammparo-donation-form>.
9. PRAY FOR MIGRANT CHILDREN AND FAMILIES and for guidance for the ELCA in all its expressions to be faithful to God's call.