

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 migrants and look at whether you can join in. Is there an immigration task force, Global Mission/companion synod committee, or ethnic specific ministry group already engaged on the issue?
2. BUILD AWARENESS through the participation in immersion experiences through your international companions or in Central America, Mexico and the U.S. border as well as local learning events.
3. ADVOCATE by connecting with Giovana Oaxaca at the ELCA Advocacy office and your state public policy office if there is one for suggested actions.
4. ACCOMPANY MIGRANTS AS A WELCOMING CONGREGATION THROUGH THE WELCOMING CONGREGATIONS PROGRAM.
5. PROVIDE SPIRITUAL SUPPORT THROUGH THE ELCA GUARDIAN ANGELS program for unaccompanied children and families court watch program.
6. ENCOURAGE LAWYERS IN YOUR SYNOD TO PROVIDE PRO-BONO REPRESENTATION for children and families.
7. GIVE TO SUPPORT WORK WITH UNACCOMPANIED MIGRANT CHILDREN AND FAMILIES at <https://community.elca.org/ammparo-donation-form>.
8. PRAY FOR MIGRANT CHILDREN AND FAMILIES and for guidance for the ELCA in all its expressions to be faithful to God's call.