

# Immigration Justice Resources

## *Unitarian Universalist Association—Immigration*

[www.uua.org/lovesists/accompaniment](http://www.uua.org/lovesists/accompaniment)

Our Love Resists campaign -- a joint effort with the UUSC -- activates people of faith and conscience to resist the harm inflicted by criminalization. Love Resists through radical presence and support of local Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) and court accompaniment programs. Accompaniment programs can make a real difference in our immigration and criminal justice systems. Accompaniment helps stop deportations, reduce bond fees, and keep families together. By centering people's dignity and choices in a system that takes away dignity and choices, we care for those who are criminalized for their being.

## *Burlington Area Clergy 4 Justice (BAC4Justice)*

[www.facebook.com/groups/BAC4J](http://www.facebook.com/groups/BAC4J)

Our multi-generational Jericho Walk is an interfaith prayer and act of solidarity. The walk draws inspiration from the Battle of Jericho bible story in which the community marched around the city of Jericho seven times, causing the city walls to fall. The Jericho Walk of today is a silent, peaceful, and prayerful walk to bring down the walls of our unjust immigration system and is open to people of all or no faiths. Walks take place from 1-2pm on the 3rd Tuesday of the month next to the Burlington ICE headquarters.

## *Centro Presente* ~ [cpresente.org](http://cpresente.org) – website under construction

[www.facebook.com/centropresente](http://www.facebook.com/centropresente)

Established in 1981, Centro Presente is a member-driven, state-wide Latin American immigrant organization dedicated to the self-determination and self-sufficiency of the Latin American immigrant community of Massachusetts. Centro Presente struggles for immigrant rights and for economic and social justice.

## *Essex County Community Organization* ~ [www.eccoaction.org](http://www.eccoaction.org)

ECCO is a diverse network of congregations and organizations across the North Shore building relationships and power to put human dignity at the center of public life. We work together across race, class, and faith lines to ensure that all people on the North Shore can thrive, grow, and dream.

***Massachusetts Bail Fund*** ~ [www.massbailfund.org](http://www.massbailfund.org)

The Massachusetts Bail Fund accepts referrals for clients represented by court-appointed counsel whose bail is \$500.00 or less. If your client's bail is over \$500.00 and family and friends can come up with the difference, the Massachusetts Bail Fund will combine funds and post the client's bail. A client referral includes information about the potential client, their case, and their life and circumstances. Completed requests go to a committee for review and decision.

***Massachusetts Communities Action Network*** ~ [www.mcan.us](http://www.mcan.us)

Working deep in the heart of Greater Boston our commitment stretches west to Springfield, Holyoke and Worcester, north to Essex County, and south to Brockton, New Bedford and Fall River. Our work takes us to the State House on Beacon Hill to share our testimony, to city halls to raise our voices and all points in between where we are called to work for equity and justice.

***Massachusetts Immigrant and Refugee Advocacy Coalition*** ~  
[www.miracoalition.org](http://www.miracoalition.org)

Our volunteers play important roles in several different aspects of our work, particularly our **citizenship services, voter registration drives, and communications and events**. Along with these opportunities, we gratefully accept volunteers who are willing to do behind-the-scenes work like data entry, record-keeping and other unglamorous but much-needed tasks. Or if you might be willing to staff a MIRA table at a community festival or event, we may soon set up a team to do that. If you're interested in any of those options, please email Joel Rivera at [jrivera@miracoalition.org](mailto:jrivera@miracoalition.org) and put "volunteering" in the subject line.

MIRA's Citizenship Clinics are hosted throughout the state of Massachusetts, with a larger concentration of clinics in the Greater Metro Boston Area. Clinics are typically hosted on Fridays. At clinics, volunteers are usually needed for 6+ hours, typically from 9:30 am – 3:30 pm. Clinic volunteers help with registering clients, filling out U.S. Citizenship applications, and copying needed paperwork. Personalized trainings are mandatory for volunteers interested in helping directly with filling out U.S. Citizenship Applications. Brief trainings for all other volunteer stations are offered on the day of the clinic.

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