



January 15 – 21, 2024

What's Happening

Hundreds of migrants sleeping in CTA buses as winter storm hits city – Block Club Chicago
IL gov ask TX gov Abbott to stop sending migrants amid arctic freeze - Austin Am Statesman

Chicago's dangerously cold temps worsen migrant crisis - Wash Post

TX blocks federal border agents from processing migrants in Eagle Pass public park - CBS

Maine begins paying rent for homeless immigrants - WTOV9

Negotiators consider expanding expedited deportations as border talks continue - NBC

Evictions begin for migrant families in New York City - AP

Border negotiations stumble on Biden's favored immigration tool - humanitarian parole - Bloomberg Government

More than 2.3 million migrants released into US since 2021 - Wash Post

TX officials stymied nonprofits' efforts to help migrants they bused to northern cities - CBS

Migrant advocates ask to end NYC's shelter eviction policy - CBS News

Underground network helps Chinese migrants reach the US - CNN

Action One: Prayer

God of Solidarity, open our eyes to see, our ears to hear, and our voices to sing the many praises of you and of those who are on the margins of our world. May we love others, even when love is hard to find. May we seek justice, even when it is against the norm. May we seek communion, even when we want to be our own individual self. May we live in solidarity in all that we do, all that we are, and all that we are becoming. Amen. (Ignatian Prayer adapted)

Action Two: Calls/Letters

NATIONAL LEVEL -- Reject billions to ICE and CBP and safeguard asylum.

<https://actionnetwork.org/letters/government-shutdown-averted>

NATIONAL LEVEL - Asylum protecting people seeking safety, we must save it.

<https://networklobby.org/advocacy-action/?vsrc=%2fCampaigns%2f110129%2fRespond>

NATIONAL LEVEL - Tell MOC there are meaningful alternatives to look at for changes to immigration policy.

https://immigrationjustice.quorum.us/campaign/54917/?utm_campaign=everyaction&utm_medium=email&utm_source=ta-240111&emci=085d4ff5-d9af-ee11-bea1-0022482237da&emdi=3b84bc02-9db0-ee11-bea1-0022482237da&ceid=9493976

NATIONAL LEVEL -Take action to stop border militarization - <https://afsc.org/action/take-action-stop-border-militarization>

NATIONAL LEVEL - Tell your Senators to reject any deal that links asylum to foreign aid - https://act.nilc.org/page/61129/action/1?supporter.appealCode=20231215_EG_AsylumNO_NILC&ea.url.id=2200493&forwarded=true

NATIONAL LEVEL - Tell your Senators to support meaningful, bipartisan immigration reform
<https://p2a.co/R7DD4en>

NATIONAL LEVEL - Tell MOC: Save asylum and reject extreme anti-immigrant measures.
<https://immigrantjustice.salsalabs.org/saveasylum-supplemental-dec2023/index.html?eType=EmailBlastContent&eld=a9da5319-6edc-4526-a654-04c52774ffe2>

NATIONAL LEVEL - Urge Congress to reject harmful changes to immigration law as a condition for supplemental funding - [https://www.voterveice.net/JFI/Campaigns/109841/Respond?ct=\(ACTION_ALERT_12_21_2023\)](https://www.voterveice.net/JFI/Campaigns/109841/Respond?ct=(ACTION_ALERT_12_21_2023))

NATIONAL LEVEL -- Urge Congress to reject anti-asylum proposal to protect those seeking safety - https://lutheranimmigrationrefugeeservice.quorum.us/campaign/54092/?mc_cid=07c0f9700b&mc_eid=c25de52b17

NATIONAL LEVEL - Sign the petition telling Biden to reunite immigrant families now.
<https://www.change.org/p/president-biden-please-reunite-families-now>

NATIONAL LEVEL - Urge Congress to fund refugee and newcomer inclusion - <https://cwsglobal.org/action-alerts/take-action-urge-congress-to-fund-refugee-newcomer-inclusion-and-restore-needed-services-for-ukrainian-and-afghan-neighbors/?eType=EmailBlastContent&eld=bf6255be-6ec9-4356-a9bd-241dfc6f3993>

NATIONAL LEVEL - Oppose dangerous changes to US asylum law - <https://www.jesuits.org/our-work/justice-and-ecology/take-action-2/asylum/>

NATIONAL LEVEL - Tell the Senate to defend asylum - <https://www.maryknollogc.org/action/tell-senate-defend-asylum>

Action Three: Education

(Policy brief) Legal pathways, a humane and effective option - <https://nfap.com/research/new-nfap-policy-brief-legal-pathways-a-humane-and-effective-option/>

TX officials stymied nonprofits' efforts to help migrants they bused to northern cities - <https://www.cbsnews.com/news/how-texas-officials-stymied-nonprofits-efforts-to-help-migrants-they-bused-to-northern-cities/>

Underground network helps Chinese migrants reach the US - <https://www.cnn.com/2024/01/08/americas/china-us-migrants-illegal-crossings-intl-hnk-dst>

A Venezuelan family won asylum, days later they lost it. https://www.nytimes.com/2024/01/09/nyregion/asylum-application-mix-up-backlog.html?unlocked_article_code=1.Mk0.09le.8Okrxp3Avjdo&smid=url-share

How to apply for political asylum in the US - <https://www.latintimes.com/how-apply-political-asylum-united-states-550188>

US State Dept extends nonimmigrant interview visa waivers indefinitely - https://immigrationimpact.com/2024/01/11/state-department-extends-nonimmigrant-visa-interview-waivers/?utm_campaign=everyaction&utm_medium=email&utm_source=twii-240112&emci=852a8493-88b1-ee11-bea1-0022482237da&emdi=6fd7bca8-edb2-ee11-bea1-0022482237da&ceid=949397

Action Four: Action

ONGOING: BROADVIEW ONLINE FRIDAY ROSARY: The Rosary prayer is conducted every Friday at 715 am CT for our immigrant sisters and brothers in detention, deportation and their families. The prayer is led by Sr JoAnn Persch, RSM and Pat Murphy, RSM. If anyone want to connect in Zoom or participate in person, they can contact Sr. JoAnn Persch at 773-597-5394 or jpmrsm2@gmail.com

ICDI Monthly meetings: Monthly meetings-first Thursday of every month at 12:00pm CT. These meetings begin with a small interfaith reflection and continue with our ICDI staff giving program updates. Register here: <https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZwsde2spjotHtJBQ97mO9XQRns5BwiniisJ>

Action Five: Social Media: (@Sen) Immigrant communities are NOT bargaining chips. Do your job and protect asylum-seekers. Say no to family separation. Say no to detaining children. Just say no. **Thank you for your efforts!**