

UUCA Statement of Support for Providing Physical Sanctuary

This form is to gauge support by UUCA congregants in using our space to provide physical sanctuary to immigrants. Thank you for taking the time to share your responses.

Please read the following Statement of Support for Providing Physical Sanctuary:

1. As people of faith and people of conscience, we are determined to resist the current administration's policy proposals to target and deport millions of undocumented immigrants and discriminate against marginalized communities.
2. Many congregations and communities have declared themselves as spaces of "sanctuary" for those being targeted. Sanctuary involves providing a safe living space for a person facing possible deportation who has a legal standing that they are exploring.
3. UUCA has been determining, along with many other congregations in Asheville and Western North Carolina, how we might put our faith into action and become a meaningful part of the Sanctuary movement.
4. There is a Coalition of many faith communities that are interested in supporting sanctuary in our area. Few, if any, have pre-existing shelter that is mostly already prepared to support an individual or family.
5. UUCA is uniquely positioned to provide this support, since we have two houses, complete with kitchens and bathrooms, already on our property.
6. Though it would involve some sacrifices and logistics, we believe that using our space to meet this need for sanctuary is what we are called to do as a justice-seeking people of faith.

Do you agree with the above statements?

- Yes, I think this is the work of our congregation because it expresses our core values.
- Yes, I support this, but have a question about:
_____.
- No, I do not think we should pursue this because:

_____.
- Other: _____

If you agree, please indicate in what ways you could personally support this work. Check all that apply.

- I'm willing to be on a steering committee that works on logistics to help make this happen.
- I'm willing to be part of a group that helps with meals and/or shopping for those for whom we provide sanctuary.
- I'm willing to be part of an English language support group for those for whom we provide sanctuary.
- Other: _____

FIRST & LAST NAME: _____

Which best describes your relationship to the congregation?

- Member (voting)
- Non-member (friend, etc.; non-voting)

EMAIL: _____

Do you have any questions or other thoughts you'd like to share about this statement?

