



**EVERY PERSON HAS DIGNITY AND WORTH.  
LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR AS YOURSELF.  
COMPASSION HAS NO WALLS.**

For more than twenty years, the Interfaith Movement for Human Integrity has been joining hands with people of faith to act on these core beliefs. We defend the humanity of the immigrant and fight for the rights of the incarcerated.

Working at the intersection of spirituality and social movements, we mobilize congregations to take a stand on issues of social justice like immigration and mass incarceration, and we engage people of faith to develop their own leadership so they can stand up against racism, discrimination and the political challenges of the day. We challenge the twin systems of incarceration and immigrant exclusion, which together keep people of color walled in and walled out, excluded and subordinated. We bring a faith voice to the social movement.



Christianity, Judaism, Islam, Buddhism, and other faith traditions share a commitment to the sacredness of every person.

We adopted our current name in 2015, but we grew out of a congregation-based movement for social justice that began in California in the 1990s. Our predecessor organizations were Clergy and Laity United for Economic Justice of California, which supported unions, worker centers and low-wage workers, and the Interfaith Coalition for Immigrant Rights.

## **Current Statewide Capacity**

- Three locations: Inland Empire, Bay Area, and Los Angeles
- Seven staff members
- 200 congregation and organizational partners:
- 1,800 faith and directly impacted leaders work with us.
- 40,000 supporters follow our work.



## WHAT WE DO

We amplify and promote the leadership development of people impacted by detention and incarceration to be ambassadors to speak out against these systems, promote humane and effective alternatives and to lift up the notion that every person deserves a dignified life.

We train and organize people of faith and congregations to engage in solidarity and building networks of protection.

In Immigration, we train accompaniment teams to immigrant families in immigration crisis who support the family in finding legal support, accompaniment to court and connecting to resources for basic needs and advocacy to free loved one from detention. In mass incarceration work, faith communities engage in advocacy and building welcoming congregations for those returning from prison.

We are changing the racist and degrading narratives by sharing stories that highlight the dignity of immigrants and the formerly incarcerated to encourage compassion, inclusion and human rights.



Inland Valley community organizer, Hilda Cruz prepared Rony from Honduras to share his testimony at our Faith and Race Conference in L.A.

## Success Stories

### WE HELPED BRING RUFINO HOME

Rufino Ortuño Benítez was held in detention in Adelanto, where he was denied medical treatment. His foot was so badly infected that it would have been amputated, if we hadn't helped his wife make her case public and win media attention to get him released. In the hospital, they saved his foot.

### WE HELPED CLOSE WEST CO. DETENTION FACILITY

For 7 years, we brought over 10,000 people to West County Detention Facility to pray, hear testimony and denounce the plight of detained immigrants. In the end, the growing protests persuaded the county to end its contract with ICE and kicked off a growing trend.

## OUR IMPACT

- A network of **50 sanctuary and immigrant supporting congregations**, which are actively engaged for immigrant justice.
- **16 "Beyond Bars" congregations**, who welcome people returning from jail or prison and demand greater accountability in public policy on incarceration.
- More than **300 volunteers to support 150 immigrants** in crisis and release more than forty from detention!
- **45 media articles** last year featuring our work.