

# WHAT DOES SANCTUARY LOOK LIKE TODAY?



Sanctuary is a sacred tradition, rooted in love, protection for the vulnerable, compassion, and equality for all. Its history spans the Underground Railroad, providing refuge for Central Americans in the 1980s, and supporting mixed-status families facing deportation in the 2000's.

IM4HI is organizing **Sanctuary Congregations** and **Sanctuary People** to protect at-risk and targeted immigrant neighbors in the face of federal mass deportation threats, detention, separation of families and exclusion. We are committed to welcoming immigrants, with solidarity, support, and services—regardless of status.

## Sanctuary can be practiced in these 4 ways:

### Deportation Defense

- Share Know Your Rights information to equip communities and prevent arrests
- Be a resource for local Rapid Response efforts
- Support freedom campaigns for those detained

### Housing and Safe Spaces

- Open houses of worship or homes as places of respite, safety, and healing during immigration raids

### Accompaniment & Legal Support

- Form an Accompaniment Team
- Become a Welcome Navigator volunteer at the Concord ICE Court
- Show up for courtroom accompaniment and deportation defense actions
- Volunteer at pro se legal workshops

### Advocacy & Public Witness

- Show up for vigils, public meetings, and rallies to denounce racism and xenophobia
- Be part of IM4HI's direct action team to stop detention expansion and deportations
- Use your voice to communicate

**Sanctuary Congregations** make a corporate commitment based on their values and sacred faith traditions to stand with immigrants and targeted neighbors.

There are a myriad of ways to practice sanctuary. Each congregation can decide how they will embody sanctuary in their local community.

**Sanctuary People** are individuals engaged in the work of protecting immigrants and neighbors with a fierce commitment to community, justice, and the dignity of ALL people.

### Resources on Sanctuary:

See QR code below

Sign up form: <https://bit.ly/SanctuaryStrategiesForm>

