KANSAS WEST

- May 1, 2010: United Methodist Women members participate in Assembly Action for Immigrant, Civil and Human Rights in St. Louis, Mo.
- 2010: Racial Justice Committee presents on immigration at the training for district officers.
- 2010: United Methodist Women members write postcards to U.S. Secretary of Homeland Security Janet Napolitano on racial profiling and immigration enforcement policy.
- Collaboration with language coordinator around the needs and concerns of United Methodist Women who are immigrants.
- Conference Rapid Response Team on Immigration.
- Charter for Racial Justice committee focus.
- Ongoing volunteer work with immigrants in local church communities, including distribution of “Know Your Rights” information and emergency support to immigrant families facing detention and deportation.
- United Methodist Women visit detention centers.
- Ongoing distribution of action alerts.
- Ongoing prayers for immigrants.
- Ongoing use of United Methodist Women resources at local, district and conference levels.

KENTUCKY

- May 1, 2010: United Methodist Women members participate in Assembly Action for Immigrant, Civil and Human Rights in St. Louis, Mo.

LOUISIANA

- 2012: School of Christian Mission will include an immigration Bible study.
- August 2011: Laura Salguero, social action coordinator, participates in immigration track at National Seminar, Birmingham, Ala., and attends the immigration march and prayer vigil.
- May 1, 2010: United Methodist Women members participate in Assembly Action for Immigrant, Civil and Human Rights in St. Louis, Mo.
- A local unit in the Monroe District supplies backpacks stuffed with school supplies and hygiene items to children of migrant farmworkers (through the school board).
- Ongoing support of e-mail petitions.
• Ongoing donations of supplies to immigrants.
• Ongoing prayers for immigrants.

MEMPHIS
• August 2011: Kathryn McLaughlin participates in immigration track at National Seminar, Birmingham, Ala.
• 2011: Social action coordinator distributes immigration information at the School of Christian Mission.
• 2011: Display on immigrant rights at district and conference annual days.
• 2011: Social action coordinator encourages United Methodist Women members to write to the president in support of the DREAM Act.
• Ongoing partnership with Church Women United.

MINNESOTA
• July 29, 2010: Isaiah 58 Prayer Vigil at First Congregational United Church of Christ in Grand Marais.
• July 11-18, 2010: United Methodist Women calls Minnesota to a week of fasting and prayer against the Arizona immigration law in conjunction with the Isaiah 58 summer.
• July 11, 2010: Isaiah 58 Prayer Service at Arlington Hills United Methodist Church in Maplewood.
• May 1, 2010: United Methodist Women members participate in Assembly Action for Immigrant, Civil and Human Rights in St. Louis, Mo.
• June 15, 2009: United Methodist Women participate in interfaith community assembly on immigration rights. Congressmen Keith Ellison and Luis Gutierrez are present, and United Methodist Women buttons are distributed.
• Conference Rapid Response Team on Immigration.

MISSISSIPPI
• November 5, 2011: District officer leadership training includes a focus group on radical hospitality.
• September 18, 2011: A local unit in Greenville, Revels United Methodist Women, includes information on immigrant rights at its Women’s Day Program.

• United Methodist Women members participate in the immigration track at National Seminar in Birmingham, Ala., and give a report at the conference annual meeting.

• May 1, 2010: United Methodist Women members participate in Assembly Action for Immigrant, Civil and Human Rights in St. Louis, Mo.

• Conference Rapid Response Team on Immigration.

Missouri

• March 2012 legislative event includes racial justice plenary, with ongoing concern for immigrant rights.

• March 2011: Missouri legislative event, organized by social action coordinator Rachel Bachenburg, includes focus on immigration and current anti-immigrant bills. Carol Barton, United Methodist Women national staff, is the resource person on radical welcome, and Marilyn Lorenz of the Interfaith Committee on Latin America leads a session on immigration. Breakfast meeting with state legislators addresses immigration debate and United Methodist Church policy.

• May 1, 2010: Conference President Mabel Unser helps to lead the Assembly Action for Immigrant, Civil and Human Rights in St. Louis, Mo. Ms. Unser participates in the local organizing committee.

• 2010: Conference president Mabel Unser works with local television station to record diverse perspectives on immigration in Missouri for a documentary.

• 2010: United Methodist Women members write postcards to U.S. Secretary of Homeland Security Janet Napolitano on racial profiling and immigration enforcement policy.

• 2010: Circulation of United Methodist Women immigration buttons.

• 2010: Marisa Villarreal presents on the United Methodist Church policy on migration issues at the School of Christian Mission.

• 2010: Social action coordinator Rachel Bachenburg organizes district events on immigration.
**NEBRASKA**

- April 2012: Seminar Program leads a local seminar in Nebraska on “Who is My Neighbor?”

- 2004-2012: JFON clinic is held in Columbus, Nebraska. Strong support is given to JFON, and this may be a growing area for Nebraska’s United Methodist Women.


- Fall 2011: Jamie Snyder presents information on the DREAM Act.

- September 2011: Judy Dangler gives a keynote speech on immigration at Prairie Rivers District meeting.

- August 2011: Joyce Solomon participates in immigration track at National Seminar, Birmingham, Ala. Marilyn Zehring, Women’s Division director, addresses interfaith vigil regarding Alabama anti-immigrant bill.

- July 2011: Two interns from the Micah Program present their work on immigration.


- February 2011: Karina Perez of the Christo Poder de Dios congregation speaks at a circle meeting about her experience coming to the United States.

- February 2011: Jamie Snyder attends national Justice for Our Neighbors (JFON) meeting in Nashville.

- January 2011: Jamie Snyder and Sandy Sypherd teach a four-week class called “Real Images of Immigration” (a project of Bishop Sherer).
• January 2011: District officer training focuses on immigration. Approximately 100 officers receive training on conference focus area of immigration.

• 2011: Marilyn Zehring and other United Methodist Women members monitor anti-immigrant bills in state legislature.

• May 1, 2010: United Methodist Women members participate in Assembly Action for Immigrant, Civil and Human Rights in St. Louis, Mo.

• 2008: Annual meeting guest, Women's Division director Judith Siaba, focuses on immigration.

• 2008: Kathy Pierce, social action coordinator, shares concerns about tensions between Latino (Christian) and Somali (Muslim) immigrant workers in Turkey plant, regarding time at work for prayers. Plant is also impacted by economic downturn.

• 2007-2008: Jamie Snyder presents a talk called “How Were You Raced?” to the Columbus Unit and the Federated Church Women’s group.

• August 2007: Louise Niemann participates in immigration track at National Seminar, Nashville, Tenn.

• August 2006: Jamie Snyder attends the Racial Justice Consultation in Oklahoma.

• Andrea Paret gives presentations about “Welcoming the Stranger” at United Methodist Women meetings.

NEW ENGLAND

• August 2011: Linda Borio participates in immigration track at National Seminar in Birmingham, Ala.

• Spring 2011: United Methodist Women members write postcards to U.S. Secretary of Homeland Security Janet Napolitano on racial profiling and immigration enforcement policy.

• 2011: Conference Rapid Response Team on Immigration gives testimony in support of a Connecticut DREAM act.

• May 1, 2010: United Methodist Women members participate in Assembly Action for Immigrant, Civil and Human Rights in St. Louis, Mo.

• March 17-23, 2010: United Methodist Women members participate in Ecumenical Advocacy Days, attend the March for America and visit congressional representatives in Washington, D.C.

• February 8, 2010: Youth attend Seminar Program in New York City.

• April 1, 2008: Marlene Towne urges United Methodist Women members to attend program at Albany District meeting (former Troy Conference) featuring members of the multicultural Emmaus Church.

• January 2008: Stacia Robinson, Women’s Division College Consultative Group, participates in United Methodist Women delegation to the National Network for Immigrant and Refugee Rights meeting in Houston, Texas.

• 2008: United Methodist Women members participate in Family Unity Hearing with Representative Luis Gutierrez.

• Ongoing support of the Charter for Racial Justice.
New Mexico

- 2008: United Methodist Women members participate in Family Unity Hearing with Representative Luis Gutierrez.
- Ongoing support of the Houchen Community center in El Segundo Barrio, which serves families and especially children who have recently immigrated.
- Ongoing support of the McCurdy School in Espanola Valley (National Mission Institution).
- United Methodist Women representatives travel to both the New Mexico and the Texas legislatures to participate and advocate for immigrant rights.
- A teen unit of United Methodist Women sends six girls, students at the Lydia Patterson Institute, to see their legislature in action. The stakes are high as these girls are in danger every day on their way to school from Juarez to El Paso.

New York

- 2012: Connecticut District, led by Roena Littlejohn, organizes a daylong program on immigration exploring local and national realities including Bible study and worship.
- November 2011: At the annual meeting, National Seminar attendees present an immigration program. Table displays are showcased.
- June 2011: Immigration table displays are set up at the Cooperative School of Christian Mission.
- 2011: Conference Rapid Response Team supports testimony in Connecticut legislature advocating for a state DREAM Act, which later passes (Senate Bill 40).
• 2011: United Methodist Women members are active in the conference’s Immigration Task Force daylong program “Know Your Neighbor, Know Yourself” at White Plains Memorial United Methodist Church.

• December 2010: United Methodist Women members promote and participate in the 365 Day Fast in Solidarity With DREAM Act Students.

• June 10, 2010: Olga Alveranga brings immigration buttons and posters to New York Annual conference.

• May 1, 2010: United Methodist Women members participate in Assembly Action for Immigrant, Civil and Human Rights in St. Louis, Mo.

• March 17-23, 2010: United Methodist Women members participate in Ecumenical Advocacy Days, attend the March for America and visit congressional representatives in Washington, D.C.

• 2009, 2010: United Methodist Women help to birth the New York Conference Immigration Task Force in partnership with Church and Society, Methodist Federation for Social Action, Methodists in New Directions, Justice for Our Neighbors and other conference groups. They co-host two seminars organized by the United Methodist Women Seminar Program.

• December 2008: United Methodist Women join other groups in the New York Annual Conference in a December vigil at the Varick Street Immigration and Customs Enforcement Detention Center, calling for an end to Immigration and Customs Enforcement raids, detentions and deportations. Addresses by Harriett Olson and Bishop Jeremiah Park.

• October 1, 2008: Director Myung Rae Kim speaks on immigration efforts at annual meeting.

• November 2008: United Methodist Women members, including Korean United Methodist Women members, participate in an immigrant rights rally in Hempstead, N.Y., outside the last presidential debate between Barack Obama and John McCain in collaboration with the New York Immigration Coalition.

• 2008: District social action coordinators work with national staff Carol Barton and Dana Jones to create an immigrant rights banner to be used at the rally at General Conference in Fort Worth, Texas (see cover photo).

• Ongoing support of Justice for Our Neighbors (JFON).

**North Alabama**

• March 2012: Betty Likis and Jacque Clay participate in a community hearing in Birmingham on the impact of H.B. 56 Alabama immigration law on migrant women and children. Event organized by the We Belong Together Coalition in conjunction with a national women’s delegation to Alabama.

• August 2011: Eula Thompson participates in immigration track at National Seminar, Birmingham, Ala.

• August 2011: Betty Likis, district president, addresses interfaith prayer vigil regarding Alabama anti-immigrant law.


• May 1, 2010: United Methodist Women members participate in Assembly Action for Immigrant, Civil and Human Rights in St. Louis, Mo.
• May 1, 2010: Jacque Clay leads the North Alabama Conference prayer vigil for immigrant rights at Saint Paul United Methodist Church.

• Ongoing distribution of action alerts.

• Ongoing monitoring of local immigration legislation and letter writing to elected officials.

• Charter for Racial Justice committee focus.

**North Carolina**

• August 2011: Belita Strudwick participates in immigration track at National Seminar, Birmingham, Ala.

• Spring 2011: United Methodist Women members write postcards to U.S. Secretary of Homeland Security Janet Napolitano on racial profiling and immigration enforcement policy.

• May 1, 2010: United Methodist Women members participate in Assembly Action for Immigrant, Civil and Human Rights in St. Louis, Mo.

• March 6, 2010: Youth seminar on immigration with Seminar Program.

• 2009: Support for Campaign for a United America challenging anti-immigrant sentiments.

• Ongoing support for Hispanic ministries with the Rev. Daniel Pantoja.

• Ongoing distribution of action alerts.

• Ongoing monitoring of legislation and letter writing to elected officials.

• Ongoing partnership with Church Women United.

• Ongoing prayers for immigrants.

• Ongoing support for Justice for Our Neighbors (JFON).

• Charter for Racial Justice committee focus.

**North Georgia**

• May 1, 2010: United Methodist Women members participate in Assembly Action for Immigrant, Civil and Human Rights in St. Louis, Mo.

• May 2009: Deloris Carhee leads a presentation on immigration at First United Methodist Church Decatur.
Video is shown and **response** magazine is distributed.

- **2009:** United Methodist Women members participate in Family Unity Hearing with Representative Luis Gutierrez.
- **2009:** Deloris Carhee distributes “Immigrant Rights” buttons at social action event.
- **2009:** Director Grace Pyen directs the Citizenship Program, which provides English language classes to the Asian and Latino communities.

**NORTH TEXAS**

- **June 2011:** Lori Stafford, social action coordinator, attends the Rapid Response Team meeting in Chicago. Ms. Stafford is co-founder of the Welcoming Immigrants Network (WIN), a member of Texas IMPACT, and a participant in the Reform Immigration for Texas (RITA).
- **April 2011:** Denise Johnson Stovall and Lori Stafford participate in United Methodist Women/Global Ministries delegation to Detention Watch Network meeting in Austin. Ms. Stafford leads United Methodist Women group to vigil at capitol to challenge funding cuts and an anti-immigrant bill.
- **2011:** United Methodist Women legislative event addresses anti-immigrant bills in state legislature.
- **May 1, 2010:** United Methodist Women members participate in Assembly Action for Immigrant, Civil and Human Rights in St. Louis, Mo.
- **March 17-23, 2010:** United Methodist Women members participate in Ecumenical Advocacy Days. Lori Stafford organizes carloads from Texas to attend the March for America and visit congressional representatives in Washington, D.C.
- **April 18, 2009:** District social action event in Dallas with distribution of United Methodist Women buttons.
- **2009:** United Methodist Women members hold prayer vigils as part of national effort.
- **2008:** United Methodist Women members participate in Family Unity Hearing with Representative Luis Gutierrez.
- **2007:** Support for Campaign for a United America, challenging anti-immigrant sentiments.
- **Ongoing support for Justice for Our Neighbors (JFON).** Lori Stafford serves on the board of JFON for North Texas and Central Texas conferences.
- **Ongoing distribution of action alerts.**
- **Ongoing prayers for immigrants.**
Northern Illinois

- August 2011: Sheila Carrasco, Jessie Cunningham and Sayaka Seguchi participate in immigration track at National Seminar, Birmingham, Ala.
- 2011: Local Mount Hope social action coordinator explores detention visitation.
- May 1, 2010: United Methodist Women members participate in Assembly Action for Immigrant, Civil and Human Rights in St. Louis, Mo.
- May 1, 2010: Mt. Hope United Methodist Women holds public witness at the detention center in Woodstock, Ill.
- April 2, 2009: Legislative event addresses immigration legislation.
- March 25, 2009: Rita Smith gathers information on immigration for Lobby Day at the Capitol.
- 2009: Judith Siaba and Marta Rodriguez participate in worship service and solidarity event held at an Immigration and Customs Enforcement detention center.
- October 2008: Northern Illinois United Methodist Women issue a statement in support of the “Ya Basta” campaign calling for an end to immigrant raids, detentions, deportations and the separation of families. Rita Smith attends a “Ya Basta” press conference and signs a commitment scroll with other religious leaders calling for an end to detentions and deportations.
- 2008: United Methodist Women members participate in Family Unity Hearing with Representative Luis Gutierrez.
- Conference Rapid Response Immigration Team.
- Ongoing support for Justice for Our Neighbors (JFON).
- Ongoing language interpretation at United Methodist Women meetings to welcome immigrant sisters.
- Ongoing prayers for immigrants.

Northwest Texas

- May 1, 2010: United Methodist Women members participate in Assembly Action for Immigrant, Civil and Human Rights in St. Louis, Mo.
• April 2008: Members participate in United Methodist Women Day and Immigrant Rights Rally at General Conference in Ft. Worth.

• Ongoing distribution of action alerts and national United Methodist Women immigration information.

• Ongoing prayers for immigrants.

• Ongoing monitoring of legislation and communication with elected officials.

• Ongoing support of Justice for Our Neighbors (JFON).

• Ongoing cooperation with Church Women United, National Network for Immigrant and Refugee Rights and Council of Churches.

OKLAHOMA

• 2008: Women’s Division director Judith Siaba makes a presentation on immigration at annual meeting.

• December 2007: United Methodist Women members participate in a Neighborhood Santa Operation at a transitional housing facility in Oklahoma City.

• 2007: Donna Roberts and Annette Loos attend National Seminar “For Christ’s Sake, Turn the World Upside-Down” and explore challenges in America’s educational system. At annual meeting, they implore United Methodist Women to volunteer in schools.

• Ongoing promotion of the Charter for Racial Justice.

• Ongoing prayers for immigrants.

OKLAHOMA INDIAN MISSIONARY

• Ongoing education and promotion of immigration awareness at the local, district and conference levels.

• Ongoing local unit use of the immigration program in the Program Book.

• Ongoing awareness by local United Methodist Women member who is dealing with immigration issues within her own family and who shares issues and concerns with her local unit and seeks supportive fellowship.

OREGON-IDAHO

• August 13-17, 2011: Lynda Montgomery and Alicia Porter participate in immigration track at National Seminar in Birmingham, Ala.

• Summers 2010 and 2011: Young United Methodist Women members serve as counselors at a Latino Culture Camp at Suttle Lake.

• October 8, 2010: United Methodist Women national staff member Elmira Nazombe leads a Bible study and workshop at the district level.
May 1, 2010: United Methodist Women members participate in Assembly Action for Immigrant, Civil and Human Rights in St. Louis, Mo.

March 21, 2010: United Methodist Women members attend the March for America Immigration Rally in Washington, D.C.

2010: Local unit in Potlach, Idaho, uses the 2010 Program Book to put on a program called “Immigration: Love as God Has Loved.”

2010: United Methodist Women members serve on Conference Rapid Response Team on Immigration.

Portland First United Methodist Women, where social action coordinator Marilyn Outslay chairs the Peace Church Task Force, is committed to “advocate for peace on local communities and the world, whether conflicts arise in families, communities or across the globe … because all people … are equally valued and loved by our Creator” (Metro Clips, fall 2011).

Ongoing relationship with the Lower Columbia Hispanic Council.

Ongoing distribution of “Know Your Rights” information to immigrants.

Ongoing advocacy through letter writing to state and federal elected officials regarding immigration policy.

PACIFIC NORTHWEST

January 2012: Local church urges congressman to support the DREAM Act.

October 15, 2011: Immigration is voted a social action priority at United Methodist Women annual meeting.

Fall 2011: Annual Conference meeting includes a workshop on immigration building on what members learned at National Seminar.

September 17, 2011: Jorge Baron of the New Immigration Rights Project speaks at a district meeting.

September 2011: Local church program held on the challenges facing immigrants who seek citizenship.
• August 2011: Janet Crouse and Rosanna Yates-Bailey participate in immigration track at National Seminar, Birmingham, Ala.
• Spring 2011: United Methodist Women members write postcards to U.S. Secretary of Homeland Security Janet Napolitano on racial profiling and immigration enforcement policy.
• 2011: Conference adopts social action priorities including immigrant/civil rights. “Please contact your senators and congresspeople and urge them to listen to each other and find a common ground for cooperation in confronting these current challenges” (The Sharing Line, Winter 2011).
• 2011: Pacific Northwest United Methodist Women makes a commitment to racial justice within the organization. “United Methodist Women will increase its outreach to become more inviting and inclusive to women of all ages, stages and ethnic groups. … United Methodist Women will seek out ways for members to be involved/visit ethnic churches” (The Sharing Line, Winter 2011).
• May 1, 2010: United Methodist Women members participate in Assembly Action for Immigrant, Civil and Human Rights in St. Louis, Mo.
• January 2010: Discussion of the They Take Our Jobs! Reading Program book at a team meeting.
• 2008: Focus group at annual meeting, “Melt the ICE [Immigration and Customs Enforcement].”
• United Methodist Women attend vigils and meetings with local organizations regarding detention centers: Tacoma Community House (National Mission Institution), One America (Seattle), Community to Community (Bellingham).
• Ongoing emergency support to immigrant families facing detention and deportation.
• Ongoing distribution of action reports.
• Ongoing monitoring of legislation and letter writing to elected officials.
• Ongoing Charter for Racial Justice committee focus.

**Peninsula-Delaware**

• October 2011: Vice president Lovedy Berkley attends the annual meeting of Women’s Division and attends DREAM Sabbath. She reports that children born of undocumented immigrants are unable to get scholarships for education because they lack citizenship status. One young woman at the meeting states that without the help of the United Methodist Women she would not have been able to receive her education.
October 2011: Inez Freeman and Crystal Johnson attend the National Seminar in Birmingham, Ala.

2011: Faye Wilson, former General Board of Global Ministries staff and Peninsula-Delaware local unit member writes the children’s mission study book and leader’s guide on poverty for the 2012 Schools of Christian Mission. Poverty and migration are closely linked, and global migration is part of the Global Ministries’ Ministry With the Poor project.

**RED BIRD MISSIONARY**

- No actions reported.

**RIO GRANDE**

- August 2011: Leticia Castañeda and Elida Cisneros participate in immigration track at National Seminar, Birmingham, Ala.
- May 1, 2010: United Methodist Women members participate in Assembly Action for Immigrant, Civil and Human Rights in St. Louis, Mo.
- May 1, 2010: Blanca Pina organizes a vigil for immigrants in Seguin, Texas at La Trinidad United Methodist Church.
- May 1, 2010: United Methodist Women holds immigration vigil at El Buen Pastor, Brownsville, Texas.
- May 1, 2010: Prayer Vigil for Immigrant Rights, Weslaco, Texas.
- May 1, 2010: Vigil for Immigrant Rights, McAllen, Texas.
- May 1, 2010: Obedeciendo El Mandato De Dios Vigil, Pharr, Texas.
- May 1, 2010: Love = Immigration public witness, Elsa, Texas.
- March 17-23, 2010: United Methodist Women members participate in Ecumenical Advocacy Days, attend the March for America and visit congressional representatives in Washington, D.C.
- 2010: Deaconess Cindy Johnson co-organizes a vigil at the Raymondville Detention Center in collaboration with local groups, the Southwest Texas Conference and students from Union Theological Seminary.
- January 2008: Alicia Sanchez, conference president, and Hope Garza and Alejandra Laguna participate in United Methodist Women delegation to the National Network for Immigrant and Refugee Rights meeting in Houston, Texas.
• 2008: United Methodist Women members participate in Family Unity Hearing with Representative Luis Gutierrez.
• Conference Rapid Response Team on Immigration.

**Rocky Mountain**

• 2011: Ellie Young, vice president, shares that “the first Monday of each month we stand with others at a vigil at the Aurora, Col., detention facility.”
• 2011: Janet Wolfer, social action coordinator, attends monthly meetings of a new ecumenical group striving for deeper understanding of the issue and what holds us back and to determine what actions are needed in the area.
• May 1, 2010: United Methodist Women members participate in Assembly Action for Immigrant, Civil and Human Rights in St. Louis, Mo. Brenda Moland assists as peacekeeper.
• March 21, 2010: Brenda Moland, then social action coordinator, attends March for America Immigration Rally in Washington, D.C.
• 2009: Brenda Moland organizes public forum on immigration concerns in Salt Lake City, Utah, with Catholic Archdiocese.
• Ongoing prayers for immigrants.
• Ongoing distribution of action alerts.
• Ongoing monitoring of legislation and letter writing to elected officials.
• Ongoing support for Justice for Our Neighbors (JFON).
• Attendance at a deportation hearing, cooperation with the Detention Watch Network.
• Charter for Racial Justice committee focus.