South Carolina

- February 2012: United Methodist Women members attend South Carolina Conference Legislative/Advocacy Day. The Rev. Emily Sutton discusses the DREAM Act.
- January 2012: Because of state legislation, United Methodist Women picks up steam on this issue and begins discussions about how to take action in the coming year.
- December 2011: United Methodist Women members participate in a march and candlelight vigil in solidarity with local immigrants. The event includes the bishop and other church leaders and is organized by the Columbia District Hispanic Task Force.
- Annual support for John’s Island Rural Mission Ministry. Linda Gadsen distributes resources to migrant workers and their children.
- United Methodist Women Program Book is used in local units to raise awareness.

South Georgia

- October 2010: Mona Faye Williams, social action coordinator, presents information about the Charter for Racial Justice at a district leadership training event.
- Charter for Racial Justice Committee.
- Conference Rapid Response Team on Immigration.

Southwest Texas

- August 2011: Tiffany Klaerner and Mariza Smith participate in immigration track at National Seminar in Birmingham, Ala.
- August 2011: Ilda Vasquez, Women’s Division director, addresses interfaith prayer vigil on Alabama anti-immigrant law.
- April 2011: B.J. Lee participates in United Methodist Women/Global Ministries delegation to Detention Watch Network, Austin.
• 2011: B.J. Lee coordinates Austin United Methodist Women immigration event, including former U.S. Secretary of Labor.

• 2010: Deaconess Cindy Johnson co-organizes a vigil at the Raymondville Detention Center in collaboration with local groups, the Southwest Texas Conference, the Rio Grande conference and students from Union Theological Seminary.

• 2008: Sue Sidney, previous conference president, helps organize United Methodist Women members’ participation in United Methodist Church Task Force on Immigration rally in Ft. Worth during General Conference.

• 2008: United Methodist Women joins challenges to the detention of children in Hutto Detention Center in Austin. They send letters demanding that children receive schooling while in detention. Through intense campaigns by local and national groups, the center is finally closed to children.

• United Methodist Women support many immigrant families in the area through the Montopolis Friendship Community Center. It was founded by Austin District United Methodist Women 50 years ago to provide early-childhood programs, activities for seniors and scholarships for local students.

SUSQUEHANNA

• August 2011: Flo Waybright and Sarah Waybright participate 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.

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

• Charter for Racial Justice committee focus.

• Visitation of immigrants in detention and women’s prison ministry at Muncy Correctional Facility.

• Local churches support refugee resettlement.

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

• Ongoing prayers for immigrants.

• Ongoing distribution of action alerts.

• Ongoing volunteer work with immigrants in local communities, including emergency support for families facing detention or deportation.
TENNESSEE

- August 2011: Brenda Clark and Ruth Jean Pierre participate in immigration track at National Seminar in Birmingham, Ala.
- 2009: Marina Rawls, spiritual growth coordinator, gathers information on immigration to share with local unit. Attends local Justice for Our Neighbors (JFON) training.
- Fall 2008: Educational series on immigrant rights at the Scarritt-Bennett Center.
- 2007: Vigil at state capitol to end Immigration and Customs Enforcement raids as part of National Seminar in Nashville.
- Active support of JFON.
- Conference Rapid Response Team on Immigration.

TEXAS

- 2011: Annual meeting focus on Justice for Our Neighbors (JFON). Lori Stafford is a guest.
- October 18, 2011: Interfaith retreat focuses on immigration.
- Fall 2011: Local church explores a DREAM Sabbath.
- 2011: Vice president Lee Thornton works with the Mission Excellence Team to establish a JFON program in the Texas Conference. Currently grant writing for the project. A mission team will travel to Pharr, Texas, to volunteer at a JFON clinic there.
- May 1, 2010: United Methodist Women members participate in Assembly Action for Immigrant, Civil and Human Rights in St. Louis, Mo.
- 2008: United Methodist Women members participate in immigrant rights rally at General Conference in Ft. Worth.
- January 2008: Thebe Worden (previous president), Lee Thornton (previous social action coordinator), Eugenia James (Spanish language coordinator) and Dorinda Guillermo (Tagalog language
coordinator) participate in United Methodist Women delegation to the National Network for Immigrant and Refugee Rights meeting in Houston.

- Conference T-shirt with ABCs of United Methodist Women includes X for ending Xenophobia.
- Vice president Lee Thornton is on the conference Rapid Response Team on Immigration.
- Ongoing prayers for immigrants.
- Ongoing distribution of action alerts.
- Ongoing monitoring of legislation and letter writing to elected officials.
- United Methodist Women strives to translate as much as possible into both Spanish and Tagalog in order to encourage participation from immigrant sisters.
- Ongoing volunteer work with immigrants in local communities, including emergency support for families facing detention or deportation.

**Upper New York**

- 2011: The conference is new, so United Methodist Women members are still getting to know one another.
- 2011: United Methodist Women relate to the conference Rapid Response Team on Immigration.
- May 1, 2010: United Methodist Women members participate in Assembly Action for Immigrant, Civil and Human Rights in St. Louis, Mo.
- 2009: Albany United Methodist Women celebrate 50 years of helping impoverished community members, including sewing school supply bags for immigrants.
• Continuing discussions about immigration, dispelling the myths that surround immigrants.
• Ongoing advocacy through letter writing to state and federal elected officials regarding immigration policy. Majority of information comes from General Board Church and Society and the Immigration Policy Center.
• Ongoing letter writing to elected officials.
• Ongoing distribution of action alerts and “Faith in Action.”
• At Emmaus United Methodist Church in Albany, the majority of the members are immigrants or refugees from Africa. United Methodist Women supports them by helping them find housing, jobs, and schools, donating food and supplies and providing English as a second language classes.
• United Methodist Women and United Methodist Men have cooperated to build bed frames, provide mattresses and donate food to seasonal racecourse workers who care for horses at Saratoga Springs. The majority of backstretch workers at Saratoga Race Course during the summer season are immigrants who live in dormitory-style rooms with little or no privacy.

**Virginia**

• 2011: Virginia United Methodist Women website promotes the DREAM Act and encourages United Methodist Women to host DREAM Sabbaths in Fall 2011 and to get involved in the 365 Day Fast in Solidarity With DREAM Act Students.
• September 2010: United Methodist Women attend the Board of Church and Society Immigration Conference at Lake Junaluska, where immigration issues are highlighted.
• May, 1, 2010: United Methodist Women members participate in Assembly Action for Immigrant, Civil and Human Rights in St. Louis, Mo. Diana Chappell-Lewis volunteers at peacekeeper.
• 2010: United Methodist Women members write postcards to U.S. Secretary of Homeland Security Janet Napolitano on racial profiling and immigration enforcement policy.
• 2008: Immigration a conference social action priority.
• United Methodist Women relates to conference Rapid Response Team on Immigration.
• Ongoing prayers for immigrants.
• Ongoing distribution of action alerts via e-mail.
• Ongoing language interpretation at United Methodist Women meetings to welcome immigrant sisters.
• Ongoing volunteer work with immigrants in local communities, including emergency support for families facing detention or deportation.
• Ongoing support for refugee resettlement efforts.
• Ongoing partnership with Church Women United.
• Charter for Racial Justice committee focus.
• United Methodist Women help to teach English as a second language, tutor children after school, provide summer programs for children and youth, distribute furniture and offer household help at Casa de Amistad in Waynesboro.

WEST MICHIGAN

• December 2011: Nichea Ver Veer Guy, Women’s Division director, attends People’s Global Action on Migration, Development and Human Rights in Geneva, Switzerland, and sends reports to the conference.
• September 11, 2011: Congregational sermons, adult education classes, children’s programming on celebrating diversity, including Mayor George Heartwell initiating a yearlong focus on interfaith dialogue and cooperative ministries.
• August 2011: Patricia Bostic and Debra Prins participate in immigration track at National Seminar in Birmingham, Ala.
• Summer 2011: United Methodist Women promote the “Tenfold” live webcast on August 10 about Justice for Our Neighbors (JFON).
• 2011: Linda Barrow leads a “Bold Faith” trip to Washington, D.C., for a General Board of Church and Society seminar focused on immigration and human trafficking. The seminar is followed by legislative visits in support of the DREAM Act.
• 2011: Work on immigration by Patsy Coffman in the St. Johns area.
• 2011: Local JFON in Grand Rapids/Holland has a presentation on Michigan’s pending immigration reform legislation.
• 2010: 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.
• Summer 2010: Immigration Discussion Series is held as part of Isaiah 58 National Prayer at First United Methodist Church in Ypsilanti.
• 2008: Clarice McKenzie, social action coordinator, works with United Methodist Women to provide clothing, food and toys to share with migrant children.
• 2008: United Methodist Women in Florida makes a connection with United Methodist Women in West Michigan through members’ work to help migrant families in the Plant City area of Florida. These are strawberry farmworkers and their families, and many work their way north to Michigan.
for the late summer and fall crop work. Clarice McKenzie is working on a connection for when the families are in West Michigan.

- United Methodist Women members sign Coalition of Immokalee Workers cards in support of a pay raise for tomato pickers at the Kroger Corporation. United Methodist Women members help with getting contracts and act as advocates within the government.

- Ongoing local unit mission/outreach. This ministry serves about 80 people, providing English as a second language (ESL) classes, transportation to and from clinics, translation for passport applications, help with buying/repairing cars and emergency support. The church’s doors are open to its ESL students, allowing them a safe place to cook and dance.

- Ongoing partnership with the Grand Rapids Area Center for Ecumenism/Partners for a Racism-Free Community. This serves a very diverse area of western Michigan. United Methodist Women encourages local churches to begin training to be Racism-Free Communities.

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

- Ongoing volunteer work with immigrants in local communities.

- Ongoing partnerships with National Farm Worker Ministry, Coalition of Immokalee Workers, Oxfam, National Farmworkers and Council of Churches.

- Ongoing prayers for immigrants.

- Charter for Racial Justice committee focus.

**West Ohio**

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

- Use of the Program Book at conference, district and local levels.

- Relate to conference Rapid Response Team on Immigration.

- Immigration is a conference social action priority.

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

- Ongoing prayers for immigrants.

- Ongoing study of the issues surrounding immigration.

**West Virginia**

- 2012: Immigration becomes a conference social action priority.

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

- Ongoing use of United Methodist Women program materials for study and discussion.

- Ongoing distribution of action alerts.

- Ongoing prayers for immigrants.
Western North Carolina

- 2011: Immigration becomes a conference social action priority.
- 2011: Mark Sills leads a plenary session on immigration facts.
- May 1, 2010: United Methodist Women members participate in Assembly Action for Immigrant, Civil and Human Rights in St. Louis, Mo.
- 2010 Annual meeting Charter for Racial Justice focus group addresses immigration concerns, including racial profiling under 287G agreements with local law enforcement. Elmira Nazombe of National United Methodist Women is guest speaker.
- The Methodist Federation for Social Action presents a program on immigration.
- Table displays are shown at United Methodist Women spiritual growth retreat and annual meeting.
- Local units use immigration resources from the 2009-2011 Program Books.
- Ongoing cooperation with the North Carolina Council of Churches to promote increased understanding of immigration issues.
- Ongoing prayers for immigrants.
- Ongoing distribution of action alerts.
- Ongoing monitoring of legislation. Ongoing cooperation with the National Farmworker Ministry, which provides educational opportunities to immigrants.
- Ongoing volunteer work with immigrants in local communities.
- Charter for Racial Justice committee focus.
- Ongoing support of Justice for Our Neighbors (JFON).

Western Pennsylvania

- 2011: Immigration will be a conference social action priority in 2013.
- May 1, 2010: United Methodist Women members participate in Assembly Action for Immigrant, Civil and Human Rights in St. Louis, Mo.
Wisconsin

• August 2011: Dodie Smith participates in immigration track at National Seminar in Birmingham, Ala.

• October 8, 2010: Gail Burgess and Betty Moore form immigration focus group at annual meeting.

• May 1, 2010: United Methodist Women promotes and participates in the Statewide March for Immigrants and Workers Rights in Madison and Milwaukee, Wisc.

• May 1, 2010: United Methodist Women members participate in Assembly Action for Immigrant, Civil and Human Rights in St. Louis, Mo. Chu Vang, Women’s Division director, is part of volunteer team for the action.

• April 8, 2010: Social action coordinator Mary Lainberger publishes immigration resource list and action ideas in Catch the Vision newsletter.

• 2010: At School of Christian Mission, Donna Veach leads United Methodist Women in letter writing to elected officials at Statewide Organizing for Community eMpowerment.

• September 28, 2009: United Methodist Women members participate in an Immigration Summit in Milwaukee.

• August 1, 2009: Anita Lang, Hispanic language coordinator, presents a bilingual worship service called “Strengthening the Present—Securing the Future.” Harriet Olson of Women’s Division gives the message.

• May 1, 2009: United Methodist Women commemorates first anniversary of the immigration raid that took place at Agriprocessors in Postville, Iowa. Day of nationwide awareness of the need for just immigration reform.

• April 6, 2009: Mary Lainberger sets up Immigration Communication Group e-mail distribution list.

• March 21, 2009: Mary Lainberger organizes “For Christ’s Sake Turn the World Upside Down” event with focus on immigration. The Rev. Jorge Luis Mayorga Solis is the event’s visionary speaker. Current U.S. policy, myths of immigration and undocumented migrants are discussed. Participants learn how to write letters to editors and state representatives.

• 2009: Delores Coleman distributes immigrant rights buttons at legislative event.

• 2008-2010: Mary Lainberger serves on Conference Rapid Response Team on Immigration.
• 2008: Mary Lainberger writes an article on immigration for *Catch the Vision*.
• 2008: United Methodist Women members participate in Family Unity Hearing with Representative Luis Gutierrez.

**YELLOWSTONE**

• May 1, 2010: United Methodist Women members participate in Assembly Action for Immigrant, Civil and Human Rights in St. Louis, Mo.
• 2007: Carol Barton and elmira Nazombe lead a racial justice women’s retreat including discussion on immigration.
• Ongoing use of United Methodist Women resources at local, district and conference levels.
• Ongoing study of immigration issues.
• Ongoing prayers for immigrants.
• Ongoing distribution of action alerts.
• Ongoing monitoring of legislation.
• Ongoing partnership with Church Women United.