Alabama-West Florida

- August 2011: Helen Genz participates 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.
- 2008-2009: Immigration is a conference social action priority (along with justice in public policy).
- United Methodist Women members write postcards to U.S. Secretary of Homeland Security Janet Napolitano on racial profiling and immigration enforcement policy.
- Language coordinator translates so that immigrant sisters feel welcome at United Methodist Women events.
- Ongoing use of program materials at local, district and conference level events.
- Ongoing prayers for immigrants.
- Ongoing distribution of action alerts.
- Ongoing monitoring of legislation and letter writing to elected officials.
- Ongoing volunteer work with immigrants in local communities, including distribution of “Know Your Rights” information and emergency care for families facing deportation or detention.
- Charter for Racial Justice committee focus.
- United Methodist Women members participate in a conference immigration team.

Alaska Missionary

- August 2011: Judith Shoup participates in immigration track at National Seminar in Birmingham, Ala.

Arkansas

- May 1, 2010: United Methodist Women members participate in Assembly Action for Immigrant, Civil and Human Rights in St. Louis, Mo.
- March 18-22, 2010: United Methodist Women members attend Ecumenical Advocacy Days and participate in the March for America in Washington, D.C.
- 2007: Annual meeting focuses on immigration. Guest speaker Carol Barton, from the Women’s Division headquarters in New York, leads a Bible study on laborers in the vineyard. Focus groups also address the issue.
- Conference Rapid Response Team on Immigration established.
- Ongoing support of Justice for Our Neighbors (JFON).
Baltimore-Washington

- 2011: Social action coordinators work to create a detention center visitation project.
- 2011: DREAM Sabbath activities at conference, district and local levels.
- 2011: Maryland Legislative Advocacy Day focuses on immigration and encourages legislative visits.
- May 1, 2010: United Methodist Women members participate in Assembly Action for Immigrant, Civil and Human Rights in St. Louis, Mo.
- May 1, 2010: United Methodist Women public witness at the district and local levels through prayer vigils.
- May 2010: Ann Price, social action coordinator, co-facilitates a racial justice workshop at the United Methodist Women National Assembly in St. Louis, Mo.
- March 2010: March for America on the National Mall to gain support for immigration reform.
- 2010: Immigration focus for the Cooperative School of Christian Mission.
- 2010: United Methodist Women members promote and participate in the 365 Day Fast in Solidarity With DREAM Act Students.
- 2010: 38 United Methodist Women attend the seminar “Who is My Neighbor? A Christian Perspective on Immigration Reform,” in New York City. The seminar with the Seminar Program includes a site visit to Domestic Workers United.
- 2010: United Methodist Women members write postcards to U.S. Secretary of Homeland Security Janet Napolitano on racial profiling and immigration enforcement policy.
- Ongoing partnerships with conference leadership, Church Women United,
Detention Watch Network, Interfaith Immigration, National Network for Immigrant and Refugee Rights, Council of Churches, General Board of Church and Society, Conference Board of Church and Society, and CASA de Maryland.

- Ongoing volunteer work with immigrants in local communities, including distribution of “Know Your Rights” information and emergency care for families facing deportation or detention.

- United Methodist Women supports Justice for Our Neighbors (JFON).

- Ongoing distribution of action alerts.

- Ongoing use of program materials at local, district and conference level events.

- Ongoing prayers for immigrants.

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

- United Methodist Women is member of Conference Rapid Response Team on Immigration.

**CALIFORNIA-NEVADA**

- August 2011: Victoria Din and Melody Yang participate in immigration track at National Seminar, Birmingham, Ala.

- April 11, 2011: “A Place to Call Home,” a legislative event at United Methodist Church Sacramento, focuses on immigration. Speakers include Elizabeth Sholes, director of public policy, California Council of Churches; the Rev. Brenda Vaca, chair of the Cal-Nevada Rapid Response Immigration Team; and Belinda Robinson, chair of Justice for Our Neighbors and the Bay Area Immigration Task Force. Speakers link immigration and human trafficking, urge members to oppose California Bill AP26, call for just immigration reform and advocate for the DREAM Act. President Connie Jones circulates buttons, posters and United Methodist policy on immigration.

- January 21-23, 2011: United Methodist Women members lead a workshop at an immigration training event, “Our Call to Radical Hospitality.” A new Western Jurisdiction Immigration Team emerged from the event.

- 2011: Katherine Kim, United Methodist Women director, serves on the conference Rapid Response Immigration Team.

- May 2, 2009: At annual conference, United Methodist Women help with a training event organized by the conference Task Force on Immigration.

- 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.

- Ongoing distribution of action alerts.

- Ongoing use of program materials at local, district and conference level events.

- Ongoing prayers for immigrants.
California-Pacific

• April 11, 2011: California-Nevada legislative event addresses immigration.
• Jan. 21-23, 2011: United Methodist Women lead a workshop at Western Jurisdiction immigration training event, “Our Call to Radical Hospitality.” A new Western Jurisdiction Immigration Team emerged from the event.
• 2011: The social action coordinator serves on conference Church and Society and is representative to conference Rapid Response Team on Immigration.
• 2010: Annual meeting breakout session on border ministry.
• June 2010: Pacific Waves, a United Methodist Women newsletter reports (in Spanish) on a declaration of solidarity from the Council of Bishops to “our sisters and brothers among us who have migrated from their original homeland.” Promotes United Methodist policy on immigration, “Welcoming the Stranger to the United States.”
• May 1, 2010: United Methodist Women members participate in Assembly Action for Immigrant, Civil and Human Rights in St. Louis, Mo. Helena Kim, vice president, writes a newsletter article about it.
• 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: Immigrant and civil rights is conference social action priority.
• September 2008: A group of Tongan women join the United Methodist Women unit at Bellflower First United Methodist Church.
• May 2008: Immigration workshop in the Santa Barbara District.
• 2008: United Methodist Women members support the Campaign for a United America to challenge anti-immigrant sentiment.
• 2008: United Methodist Women members participate in a Family Unity Hearing with Representative Luis Gutierrez.
• 2008: Margaret Lindgen, social action coordinator, presents United Methodist policy on immigration.
• Ongoing financial support to Susannah Wesley Community Center, a National Mission Institution.
• Ongoing support for immigrants in Hawaii. Jane Larson is on their board.
• Mission team collaboration with Korean, Samoan, Spanish and Tongan language coordinators around the needs and concerns of United Methodist Women members who are immigrants and provides language interpretation at United Methodist Women meetings to welcome immigrant United Methodist Women sisters.
• United Methodist Women members volunteer with programs that help local immigrants, such as Life Is for Everyone, a free tutoring center in East Salinas that serves many Latino children.
• Support for “LuhaKo,” group of Filipino immigrants who escaped from human trafficking.
• Ongoing distribution of action alerts.
• Ongoing use of program materials at local, district and conference level events.
• Ongoing prayers for immigrants.
Central Texas


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

- 2008-2009: United Methodist Women members speak out against the T. Don Hutto Detention Facility in Taylor. In partnership with the Methodist Federation for Social Action, United Methodist Women members have demonstrations and advocate for the rights and education of immigrant children. Eventually, children are no longer held at the facility.

- 2008: Conference president Myrtis Parker helps organize United Methodist Women Day at General Conference in Fort Worth. United Methodist Women members participate in a United Methodist Church Task Force on Immigration rally for immigrant rights.

- United Methodist Women provides support for immigration clinics throughout the conference in partnership with JFON.

- JFON immigration lawyer Mary Beth Garcia and Global Ministries missionary Amy Spaur lead several focus groups on immigration at Schools of Christian Mission and annual meetings.

- United Methodist Women participate in an event featuring the author of Enrique’s Journey, a Reading Program selection.

Dakotas

- May 1, 2010: Kaye Harr, treasurer, and Bobbi Larson, president, participate in Assembly Action for Immigrant, Civil and Human Rights in St. Louis, Mo.

- May 2010: Dakota Links, the Dakota United Methodist Women newsletter, reports on the Assembly Action for Immigrant, Civil and Human Rights.

- Local units use the United Methodist Women Program Book to address immigration issues.

- Charter for Racial Justice committee focus.
DESSERT SOUTHWEST

• August 2011: Glenda Hill, social action coordinator, participates in immigration track at National Seminar, Birmingham, Ala.

• 2011: United Methodist Women works closely with conference Rapid Response Team on Immigration. Chris Spencer and Glenda Hill serve on that team.

• 2011: United Methodist Women members write letters to representatives regarding Arizona’s anti-immigrant legislation.

• 2011: United Methodist Women members witness court appearances of undocumented people picked up by Immigration and Customs Enforcement and Border Patrol.

• 2010: President Sharon Scobie appoints the first United Methodist Women Immigration Team, which includes one member from each district. The team marches in Phoenix in response to the Arizona immigration bill SB-1070. They speak in local churches and work with the conference immigration team to host “holy conferencing” dialogues about immigration in a volatile context.

• 2010: Focus group on immigration at School of Christian Mission.

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

• April 2010: Marjorie Hrabe leads a session about border realities during Ubuntu Day at Assembly, with a PowerPoint developed by Chris Spencer. United Methodist Women members respond by making “border kits” for migrant ministries.

• March 2010: United Methodist Women members participate in Ecumenical Advocacy Days, attend the March for America and visit congressional representatives in Washington, D.C. They each follow up with presentations at their district annual meetings.

• 2010: Immigration event in Tucson before spring retreat.

• 2010: United Methodist Women members participate in Family Unity Hearing with Representative Luis Gutierrez.

• 2010: United Methodist Women supports a Campaign for a United America event on anti-immigrant sentiments.

• 2010: United Methodist Women members on the conference mission team read the Reading Program book They Take Our Jobs!

• May 1, 2009: Social action coordinator Linda Stenholm holds one-woman public witness to commemorate 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. Hands out fliers and engages public in conversation.

• 2009: Support for Amigos Center (Wesley Center), including English classes.

• January 2008: Chris Spencer participates in United Methodist Women delegation to the National Network for Immigrant and Refugee Rights meeting in Houston, Texas.

• 2008: Bishop Carcaño leads a study on the spiritual growth study she wrote, I Believe in Jesus, with a focus on immigration.
DETROIT

- August 2011: Patricia Bostic attends the immigration track at National Seminar in Birmingham, Ala.
- May 1, 2010: United Methodist Women members participate in Assembly Action for Immigrant, Civil and Human Rights in St. Louis, Mo.
- 2010: United Methodist Women members promote and participate in the 365 Day Fast in Solidarity With DREAM Act Students.
- March 27, 2009: United Methodist Women members join the Family Unity Campaign and take a national listening tour to hear testimonies from families.
- 2009: Detroit United Methodist Women newsletter provides education about global migration by highlighting the service of Global Ministries missionaries the Revs. Kristin and David Markay, who serve in a migrant congregation in Milan, Italy.
- 2009: United Methodist Women supports the Detroit Conference Hispanic/Latino Mission to nurture new congregations and provide leadership development and advocacy for the Hispanic/Latino community.
- 2009: Barbara Meyers, social action coordinator, encourages members to read about a history of Alma Mathews’s work with immigrant women in United Methodist Women News.
- Support for Justice for Our Neighbors of Southeastern Michigan. United Methodist Women are encouraged to provide financial support, volunteer at the legal clinic, host an educational presentation and advocate for just and human immigration policies.
- Conference Rapid Response Immigration Team.
- Charter for Racial Justice committee focus.
- Ongoing distribution of action alerts.
- Ongoing monitoring of legislation and letter writing to elected officials.
- Ongoing prayers for immigrants.

EAST OHIO

- 2011: Social action coordinator serves on conference Church and Society Committee. This committee has a speakers’ bureau with immigration as one of the topics. United Methodist Women materials are shared with those speakers as well as with district social action coordinators.
- 2010: United Methodist Women members write postcards to U.S. Secretary of Homeland Security Janet Napolitano on racial profiling and immigration enforcement policy.
- Local units host immigration presentations from Church and Society speakers’ bureau.
- Conference Rapid Response Team on Immigration.
- Ongoing partnership with Council of Churches.
- Ongoing distribution of action alerts.
• Ongoing monitoring of legislation and letter writing to elected officials.
• Ongoing prayers for immigrants.
• Ongoing use of the Program Book at local, district and conference events.

EASTERN PENNSYLVANIA

• June 2011: Former United Methodist Women president Ruth Daugherty attends the national Rapid Response Team meeting in Chicago in conjunction with Interfaith Worker Justice conference. She serves on the conference team on immigration and is actively involved in mobilizing for education and advocacy for immigrant rights.
• 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.
• Winter 2010: Through the United Methodist Women newsletter, Leta Arnold, social action coordinator, encourages members to “engage in the hot debate about immigration and development.”

FLORIDA

• November 2011: At annual meeting, United Methodist Women members are encouraged to write letters for the “Wish for the Holidays: That All Families Be Able to Stay Together” campaign.
• May 2011: Conference social action focus on children and on immigration (through Justice for Our Neighbors, JFON).
• 2011: Clarice McKenzie, West Michigan Conference social action coordinator, also spends time in Florida. Florida United Methodist Women is engaged in farmworker ministry. They work to help the families in the Plant City area who are strawberry farmworkers and their families. Many work their way north to Michigan for the late summer and fall crop work. Ms. McKenzie is working on a United Methodist Women connection for when the families are in West Michigan.
• 2011: United Methodist Women collaborates with the Coalition of Immokalee Workers. They have connected with tomato pickers in the Immokalee area; these workers deal with the agribusiness corporations. United Methodist Women involvement includes advocacy for a work contract and pay increase, including joining some marches.
• May 1, 2010: United Methodist Women members participate in Assembly Action for Immigrant, Civil and Human Rights in St. Louis, Mo.

• March 28, 2009: United Methodist Women members attend a program on immigration in the Orlando area.

• 2009: United Methodist Women participate in a legislative event at the state capitol.

• 2009: Rosemary Uebel, social action coordinator, writes to government officials to help advance a campaign for fair food to eliminate slavery and exploitation of migrant farmworkers.

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

• August 2007: Gertrude Stewart participates in the National Seminar in Nashville, Tenn. She joins a rally to “stop the raids of U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement” at the state capitol. Florida United Methodist Women newsletter includes an article on her experience.

• Ongoing support of JFON.

GREATER NEW JERSEY

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

• United Methodist Women participates on Conference Rapid Response Team on Immigration.

• Melissa Rivera, director, takes local leadership on immigrant rights and helps staff Immigrant/Civil Rights Initiative at Assembly, including dressing as a clown to work with children on pictures about immigrants.

• Ongoing distribution of action alerts.

• Ongoing prayers for immigrants.

• Ongoing use of the Program Book at local, district and conference events.
HOLSTON

- May 1, 2010: United Methodist Women members participate in Assembly Action for Immigrant, Civil and Human Rights in St. Louis, Mo.
- 2010: United Methodist Women members write postcards to U.S. Secretary of Homeland Security Janet Napolitano on racial profiling and immigration enforcement policy.
- December 2009: In the United Methodist Women newsletter, President Teddy Stevens promotes the Program Book. “Before we rush to rash judgments or fall into the trap of media overload, let’s look at immigration from the biblical standpoint and that of the church.”
- March 2009: In the United Methodist Women newsletter, President Teddy Stevens encourages United Methodist Women to put their fear of immigrants aside. “Take the initiative to get to know one person who is different from you this year.”
- Racial Justice Charter committee focus.
- Mission team collaboration with language coordinator around the needs and concerns of United Methodist Women members who are immigrants.
- Ongoing volunteer work with immigrants in local church communities.
- Ongoing distribution of action reports.
- Ongoing prayers for immigrants.
- Ongoing monitoring of legislation and letter writing to elected officials.

ILLINOIS GREAT RIVERS

- May 8, 2010: United Methodist Women write to politicians in dissent with the Postville, Iowa, raids.
- 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.
- 2008: Immigrant rights focus at the School of Christian Mission.
- 2008: Local units are encouraged to use the program “Say Welcome: Offering Hospitality to the Sojourner” by Sharon Delgado from the Program Book.
- 2007: Circulation of interfaith petition to candidates on immigrant rights.
- 2007: In the United Methodist Women newsletter, social action coordinator Linda Trent encourages districts to get involved in the issue of immigration.

INDIANA

- May 1, 2010: United Methodist Women members participate in Assembly Action for Immigrant, Civil and Human Rights in St. Louis, Mo.
- September 13, 2008: Social Action Day includes immigration focus group, organized by United
Methodist Women members in collaboration with Church and Society.

IOWA

- 2012: Lenten Bible study “Into the Wilderness,” co-written by Bishop Julius Trimble and the Iowa Immigration Task Force, including United Methodist Women members, addresses immigration.
- October 2011: Mission education event on spiritual growth is offered in Spanish for the first time.
- August 2011: Marsha Gerot participates in immigration track at National Seminar, Birmingham, Ala.
- 2011: United Methodist Women reach out to women in Hispanic congregations in the conference.
- 2011: Cooperation with conference Church and Society.
- 2011: Participation in the General Commission on Religion and Race campaign to “Drop the I-Word.”
- 2011: United Methodist Women members explore options for a detention visitation program.
- 2011: Social action coordinator Judy Kading serves on the Rapid Response Immigration Team.
- May 1, 2010: United Methodist Women members participate in Assembly Action for Immigrant, Civil and Human Rights in St. Louis, Mo.
- March 27, 2010: United Methodist Women members attend “Welcoming the Stranger,” a cultural awareness and action seminar sponsored by the Charter for Racial Justice Committee, at Staves United Methodist Church in Des Moines. United Methodist Women learn about cultural differences with a focus on Hispanic immigrants, Korean immigrants and refugees from Africa and Southeast Asia.
- March 21, 2010: United Methodist Women attend March for America Immigration Rally in Washington, D.C.
- 2010: Ongoing support of Justice for Our Neighbors (JFON). Judy Kading, social action coordinator, serves on the JFON board.
- 2009: United Methodist Women School of Christian Mission invites a migrant woman affected by the Postville raid to speak. United Methodist Women holds a food offering for Postville migrant families.
• 2009: Ollie Pleggenkuhl, Women’s Division director, serves on an interfaith team to develop a faith response to the Immigration and Customs Enforcement raid in Postville. She continues to monitor the situation.

• May 16, 2008: Judy Kading, social action coordinator, organizes daylong forum, “Charter for Racial Justice Policies as Seen Through the Lens of Immigration.” The event includes worship, Bible study and workshops. It encourages United Methodist Women members to support JFON, the Campaign for a United America (challenging anti-immigrant sentiment), and the DREAM Act. United Methodist Women members discuss the root causes of migration.

• 2008: United Methodist Women promotes use of film Made in LA in local units.

Kansas East

• May 2-4, 2011: United Methodist Seminar on Immigration in Washington, D.C., includes theological reflections, meetings with human rights activists and visits to senators and representatives.

• 2011: Creation of a Conference United Methodist Women Immigration Action Team.

• 2011: Immigration is a social action priority.

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

• 2010: Annual meeting program book includes “A Commitment to Action—Because God First Loved Us” (School of Christian Mission action for 2010), which raises concerns for immigrant children.


• Ongoing use of program materials at local, district and conference levels.

• Ongoing prayers for immigrants.

• Ongoing distribution of action alerts.

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

• Ongoing cooperation with Della Lamb Center (National Mission Institution).

• Ongoing volunteer work with immigrants in local church communities.

• Racial Justice Charter committee focus.