

# WHO IS MY NEIGHBOR: FAITH AND IMMIGRATION

*So circumcise your hearts and stop being so stubborn, because the LORD your God is the God of all gods and Lord of all lords, the great, mighty, and awesome God who doesn't play favorites and doesn't take bribes. He enacts justice for orphans and widows, and he loves immigrants, giving them food and clothing. That means you must also love immigrants because you were immigrants in Egypt.*

—Deuteronomy 10:16-19 (CEV)

## **Tuesday**

9:00 a.m. **Introduction to Church Center for the United Nations and Opening Worship**

Jay Godfrey and Jennifer McCallum  
Seminar Designers, United Methodist Women

10:00 a.m. **Introductions and Opening Conversation**

10:45 a.m. **Interactive Time Line: History of U.S. Immigration Policy**

12:00 p.m. Lunch

1:00 p.m. **Why Do People Migrate? The Push-Pull Factors of Global Migration**

Jess Walker Beaumont  
Globalization, Trade and Debt Specialist

3:00 p.m. **Depart for Site Visit to the Lower East Side Tenement Museum**  
103 Orchard St.

4:00 p.m. **Tour: Hard Times**

5:00 p.m. **End of Seminar Day**

Give me your tired, your poor, your huddled masses yearning to breathe free, the wretched refuse of your teeming shore, send these, the homeless, tempest-tossed, to me: I lift my lamp beside the golden door.

—Emma Lazarus

## **Wednesday**

9:00 a.m. **Devotions**



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9:45 a.m. **The Immigration Game: Learning About the Four Paths to Citizenship**

10:45 a.m. Break

11:00 a.m. **The Immigrant Detention System in America**

Silky Shah

Organizer, Detention Watch Network

12:00 p.m. Lunch

1:00 p.m. **Depart for Site Visits**

Restaurant Opportunities Center

275 7th Ave. 17th floor (@ 26th St.)

Rahul Saksena, Policy Organizer

3:00 p.m. **Damayan Migrant Workers Association**

406 West 40th Street, 3rd floor

between Ninth and Tenth Avenues

Virtually all groups of today's migrants and refugees are battered by the divide between the rich and the poor, a divide rooted in nineteenth and twentieth century colonialism and directly caused by rapid corporate globalization in agriculture, industry, and commerce.

—Resolution #6028, *Book of Resolutions of The United Methodist Church*

#### **Thursday**

9:15 a.m. **Prayer Service**

10:00 a.m. **Workers in the Vineyard: Bible Study and Action Planning**

11:00 a.m. **United Methodist Women's Work on Immigrant and Civil Rights**

Carol Barton, Executive for Community Action,

United Methodist Women

11:30 a.m. **Evaluations**

12:00 p.m. **End of Seminar**