

## **CLUUC Board of Trustees Sanctuary Resolution**

Be it resolved that we, the Cedar Lane Unitarian Universalist Church Board of Trustees, publicly declare our intent to be a Sanctuary Congregation, to provide such support and refuge to immigrants, regardless of their legal status, as the Senior Minister deems appropriate, with regular reports by the Senior Minister to the Board of Trustees regarding actions taken pursuant to this resolution.

And further, that we dedicate ourselves to educate and activate our congregation, to amplify and respond to the voices of immigrant leaders, and to speak out against discrimination toward any and all marginalized people.

As a Sanctuary Congregation,

1. Cedar Lane will declare itself a part of the Sanctuary Movement by signing relevant petitions and public statements, and publicizing our position widely.
2. Under the direction of the Senior Minister, Cedar Lane and its members will engage in activities as a Sanctuary Congregation, working as appropriate with DMV Sanctuary Congregation Network, PICO National Network, AIM, their partner organizations, and other organizations to respond to deportation raids and other situations protected by the Sanctuary Movement, including:
  - a) Create a rapid response team
  - b) Hold "Know Your Rights," Preparedness, Rapid Response, and Active By-stander trainings
  - c) Host, support and/or attend trainings to take on a case or cases to release someone from detention
  - d) Accompany at-risk individuals to ICE meetings and hearings
  - e) Support another congregation that is hosting a family or individual
  - f) Upon approval by 75% of the voting members present at a congregational meeting, will establish a program to host families or individuals facing deportation to live on the church's property until their case or status is resolved or the threat of deportation ends under the following conditions:
    - i. The church only seeks to host individuals or families in the spirit of Sanctuary. It is not the church's intention to host or provide sanctuary to anyone whose situation involves illegal activity other than related to immigration and/or residence or work status. The clergy and Executive Committee together will determine the appropriateness of

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any person or family for sanctuary hosting in our building and inform the board before a person or family takes up sanctuary residence on our property.

- ii. The board has the right to review whether sanctuary hosting is meeting these requirements and to revoke Sanctuary with at least 24 hours notice to the individual or family. In case of emergency, criminal activity or any other circumstances that warrant immediate expulsion from the church property, the majority decision of the Senior Minister, Executive Director, and Board Chair or next available ranking officer together shall make such determination.
- iii. While the clergy and church staff will participate in daily duties of being a Sanctuary Congregation, the Cedar Lane Sanctuary Team shall be responsible for the planning, implementation and administration, including financial management, of any programs or services related to being a Sanctuary Congregation.