



SoCal Presbyterian
Immigrant
Accompaniment
Ministry

I was a stranger and you welcomed me...

SoCal Presbyterian Immigrant Accompaniment Ministry

is a growing network of Presbyterians around Southern California, in ecumenical collaboration with the Matthew 25/ Mateo 25 SoCal Movement, striving to follow Christ's call to **welcome the stranger** by opening our churches, homes, and hearts to sisters and brothers seeking asylum.

Our mission is to strengthen and expand a faith-rooted, compassionate response to immigrants and refugees in our communities by equipping, empowering, and supporting congregations and individuals to joyfully and faithfully engage in accompaniment and advocacy.

How can you and your congregation get involved?

Join a Circle of Support

- Be a part of a team of people who commit to coming alongside a family or individual in the asylum process. This may include things like visiting, providing transportation, assisting with translation, gathering necessary clothing/home goods, or purchasing grocery gift cards.

Consider Becoming a Host

- Extend hospitality by welcoming an asylum seeker -family or individual- into your home or church. The SoCal Presbyterian Immigrant Accompaniment Ministry and our ecumenical partners will support you, your family, and your church family as you live into the blessings and challenges of sharing life together.

Detention Center Visitation

- Join us for one of the monthly opportunities to be a part of this powerful ministry of presence. Showing up and being willing to listen are profound ways to foster hope and offer welcome.

Speak Out for Change

- Join people of faith in education and action for just public policies that promote welcome and flourishing within our communities, our region, and across our nation.

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We Choose Welcome

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