

**Iowa WINS** (Iowa Welcomes Immigrant Neighbors) **Commission**

Thursday, 11/1 at 6:30 PM

Conference Call option: Call (408) 650-3123 Access Code: 530-244-389

First Presbyterian Church

902 S. Walnut St

Mt. Pleasant, IA 52641

OUR VISION:

That the greater Mount Pleasant community would be an inclusive and hospitable community that welcomes people from across the world looking for a new home.

In order to achieve that vision, the MISSION OF IowaWINs is to:

* Identify the issues that newcomers face here, to provide solutions and help integrate them with the community at large.
* Build relationships among the diverse members of our community.
* Build and maintain the infrastructures and sustainable programs that improve opportunity and services now and for future generations of immigrants.
* Provide educational and cultural outlets to the community to learn more about the people (and their needs) who come to Mount Pleasant.

**Agenda**

* **Introductions and thank you’s**
* **Statement from July 2016 IowaWINs Meeting**
* **Update on status of immigrant men detained by ICE and their families**
  + 3 men are still detained due to prior deportation charges
    - 1 is scheduled for sentencing at 4 PM on 11/7 in Davenport
    - 1 is scheduled for a status conference on 1/10/2019
    - 1 is determining whether to proceed with an appeal process
* **Family support**
* **Physical donations and Food Pantry**
  + **Winter clothing**
  + **Christmas gifts**
* **Education support**
* **Financial Oversight and Fundraising** – Update on funds raised
  + October 26th fundraising luncheon in Fairfield – big success with about 240 people attending
  + October 26th fundraising event in Davenport – another big success with about $4,000 raised in cash, plus pantry donations and 20+ winter coats
  + Enhance Henry County grant submitted on 10/30/2018
  + IowaWINs Auction on November 8th at First Presbyterian Church starting at 6 PM
    - 80+ items/services donated
    - Thanks to Jerry’s Restaurant for donating pizza for the event – free will offering
* **Governmental contact/Updates to Google Drive**
  + Meeting with local officials on 9/28 (Notes on Google Drive)
* **Events and event planning**
  + Fairfield International Events
    - International Day of Peace Symposium, Friday, 9/21
      * Bob Mueller is moderated a panel discussion on immigration
      * IowaWINs and LULAC information tables – Annalisa and Bob staffed for IowaWINs and David Suarez staffed for LULAC
    - International Festival, Saturday, 9/22
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  + Pastor Trey, Julieta and Tammy were part of a University of Iowa Panel Discussion moderated by Nicole Novak on the ICE raids on Monday, 10/22 along with Natalia from Eastern Iowa Community Bond project and Dan Vondra, immigration attorney representing many of the Mt. Pleasant men.
  + Tammy Shull spoke to the Burlington chapter of the DAR (Daughters of the American Revolution) about immigration on 10/25
  + Pastor Trey is talking with the Quad Cities Unitarian Church on 11/3
  + Tammy will be talking with the local Knights of Columbus on 11/6.
* **Media/Social Media**
  + Catholic Messenger article – Visit with families on October 18 at the Catholic Church. Maria Mellado was an interpreter. Julieta encourages families to attend.
  + Dutch Public Broadcasting – Sunday 10/21 and 10/22 – Reporters will be present at services but will not be taking photos or recording. Bob Mueller and Trey are hosting them for a dinner after Sunday services. They will also be present on Monday during regular Food Pantry and Financial hours to meet with families.
  + We have had some great media coverage in advance of the 10/26 Fairfield and Davenport fundraisers:
    - KYOU Fox News Report  <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1sNINOKZYaUdgWsXfiYb6jHC74I3tugkO/view>
    - Quad City Times <http://qctimes.com/news/local/article_e8f17f75-049f-551f-9435-6de56ff661be.html>
  + **Revised list of new posts to Google Drive:** [**https://drive.google.com/file/d/1s4-fNqgl-lEx-3s\_4Js99B5vwYINjF43/view**](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1s4-fNqgl-lEx-3s_4Js99B5vwYINjF43/view)
    - Posted                  Title
    - 10/30/2108    Politicizing Immigration Wears Thin in Iowa
    - 10/24/2018 AUCTION Flyer
    - 10/23/2018 Unions Can Protect Workers From Deportation. This Coalition of 3.5 Million Is Showing How
    - 10/16/2018 Meeting with Local Officials
    - 10/16/2018 We Stopped ICE From Getting an Extra Billion; Now Let?s Defund It Totally
    - 10/14/2018 The only lawyer in town - a lonesome figure stands up for immigrant
    - 10/09/2018 DEVIN NUNES’S FAMILY FARM IS HIDING A POLITICALLY EXPLOSIVE SECRET
    - 10/03/2018 Stymied By Waits To Seek Asylum Legally, Some Immigrants Crossed Illegally, A New Government Report Finds
    - 10/01/2018 Immigrants could be required to show credit scores if they want to stay in the U.S.
    - 10/01/2018 ICE Is Giving More Local [Police] the Powers of Immigration Agents. It?s Been a Disaster
    - 10/01/2018 Migrant  Children Moved Under  Cover of  Darkness to a Texas Tent City
    - 10/01/2018 Thousands Could Be Deported As Government Targets Asylum Mills' Clients
    - 09/26/2018 Trump?s Latest Assault on Immigrants Shreds a Half-Century of Reform
    - 09/26/2018 CLIN draft Public charge rule released
    - 09/22/2018 New Senate Bill Would Allow Indefinite Detention of Migrant Families
    - 09/22/2018 ICE arrested undocumented immigrants who came forward to take in undocumented children
    - 09/20/2018 Keep ICE Out of Iowa toolkit
    - 09/18/2018 Grassley letter of September 18, 2018
    - 09/17/2018 Iowa WINS Workbook
    - 09/16/2018 Seeking asylum in the U.S. under Trump
    - 09/13/2018 As many as 1,000 parents separated from their children are getting a second chance to stay in the US
    - 09/12/2018 COMMUNITY SAFETY AND SECURITY ACT OF 2018 -- HR 6691
    - 09/11/2018 By the Numbers: Manipulation of the Appropriations Process (DHS/ICE)
    - 09/08/2018 How Much Funding Does ICE Get? Trump Wants To Bump It Up By Nearly $1 Billion
    - 09/08/2018 ICE FY18 Budget
    - 09/04/2018 Candidate Immigration Question Guide
    - 09/04/2018 How does SF 481 affect Iowans
    - 09/04/2018 Immigration in small-town Iowa: One church reaches out to the community
    - 09/01/2018 Social Justice Resource Center September Newsletter
    - Two new videos from KYOU Fox in Videos folder
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  + Christmas Events?
* Next meeting date to be determined at the meeting.

Thanks,

Tammy Shull

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