

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

Thursday, May 9, 2019 – **One year anniversary of ICE Raid in Mt. Pleasant** at 5:30 PM

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
* Pastor Hegar – Reflections
* The last year in video and photographs
* Report on impact of ICE Raids on community health – Nicole Novak, University of Iowa
  + Nicole and her team conducted interviews in communities across the US who were subject to ICE Raids, including members of the Mt. Pleasant community
* Relationships and Hope keep us moving forward
  + Sunday’s Ecumenical Prayer Service and Fellowship at St Alphonsus
  + 24 men are still with their families
  + 3 of the men who were deported have legal cases in process
  + Work permits are being received by some of the men
  + Partnership with IowaWINs and LULAC
  + Recognition of IowaWINs by Iowa Disaster Council and Iowa Homeland Security
* Family support
  + Food Pantry – moving to wholesale supplier to customize and make donations go further
  + New hours for Food Pantry and Financial Assistance: 9 AM – 11 AM on Mondays
  + Transportation for immigration hearings, Contact Rodrigo for transportation needs at 319-217-8884
* Sustainable Ministry Project – Nutrimos – We Nourish
  + Community gardens
  + Skills training
  + Food Truck – “Just” Tacos

Thanks,

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