



**The Fellowship**  
Fox Valley Unitarian Universalist Fellowship



Winnebago Worship  
Group (Quakers)

Dear Faith Leader,

We are witnessing a time in history when once again our families and communities are being threatened by policies that tear us apart- parents from children, families from one another, communities from friends and neighbors. As we witness this inhumane treatment, our faith calls us to bold action. We stand alongside those in our community facing deportation. In the face of fear and exclusion, we choose instead a radical message of love, inclusion, and safety.

As people of conscience, we call on other faith leaders to join us in publicly defending the safety and dignity of our neighbors, and in offering sanctuary to those threatened with deportation. Sanctuary can mean many things, including physically housing someone in our houses of worship, but far more often we are called on for smaller, more relational acts of sanctuary: rides, witness, and financial and material support. Will you join us?

The Winnebago Worship Group, Religious Society of Friends (Quaker) and the Fox Valley Unitarian Universalist Fellowship are the two congregations in the Fox Cities that have declared themselves to be Sanctuary Congregations. While no individuals are currently living in sanctuary, many in our community are relying on us to provide support in other ways. Members of our congregations and of the greater community have been supporting our immigrant neighbors by giving rides to those attending immigration hearings in Milwaukee and Chicago, showing up in the wake of immigration raids, and providing financial support for legal services and a range of household needs. We are running out of money to do this critical work.

There are numerous practical, immediate things we can do to support and accompany our immigrant neighbors in this very difficult time; most of them cost money. Whether or not your congregation is interested in providing physical sanctuary, you can support this powerful work by contributing financially to our ongoing efforts. We pledge to faithfully use any donations that we receive solely for the work of providing for the needs of our immigrant neighbors as those needs arise.

Please donate to the Shared Sanctuary Ministry Fund through the Fox Valley Unitarian Universalist Fellowship at 2600 Philip Lane, Appleton, WI 54915 (Make checks out to FVUUF and write "Shared Sanctuary" in the memo line). Your donations are tax deductible.

With gratitude for our collective solidarity with those most vulnerable...

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