

1 Get to know the immigrant community and organizations that advocate on their behalf.

Volunteer with an organization that works with immigrants. Take initiative to get to know immigrants in your church and community by giving an invitation for a meal or desert. Educate yourself on immigration issues.

2 Become an advocate.

Develop a task force made up of representatives from churches, immigrant communities, and local and state politicians. Express any concerns or abuses to INS officials and the media.

3 Plan a response. Organize prayer vigils, food drives, child care and rental assistance. Organize volunteers to document abuses and file complaints with the appropriate authorities.

4 Educate the new immigrant community.

Organize a workshop about immigrants rights and how to respond to abuses.

5 Educate the non-immigrant community. Plan presentations in churches, clubs and places of employment about civil and human rights abuses. Organize activities with immigrant churches.

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