

Handout 6.2 – Chronological Summary of UUA Statements on Immigration

The following is a chronological summary of Social Justice Statements, democratically passed via our social witness process, that pertain to immigration, migratory workers, and foreign nationals. They represent the sum body of what our congregations have said about immigration since the inception of our association.

The 2000s

A 2004 Statement on Civil Liberties affirmed the Association's commitment to advocate for the right to due process of immigrants, refugees and foreign nationals. In 2006 and 2007, the General Assembly passed Actions of Immediate Witness to support immigrant communities, including a call for an immediate moratorium on federal raids and resulting deportations.

[Civil Liberties](#)

Statement of Conscience, 2004

[Support of the United Farm Workers' Boycott of Gallo Wines](#)

Action of Immediate Witness, 2005

[Support Immigrant Justice](#)

Action of Immediate Witness, 2006

[Support Immigrant Families—Stop the ICE \(Immigration and Customs Enforcement Raids\)](#)

Action of Immediate Witness, 2007

[End Present-day Slavery in the Fields](#)

Action of Immediate Witness, 2008

The 1990s

In 1992, the Association passed a General Resolution to promote the investigation and monitoring of the practices, standards, and care at facilities housing children detained by Immigration and Naturalization Services. A 1995 Resolution of Immediate Witness demanded a humane solution to the complex social issues related to the undocumented population, and urged individual Unitarian Universalists (UUs) to serve those directly harmed and others affected by any legislation which would deny human beings basic services.

[Children Held by the United States Immigration and Naturalization Service](#)

General Resolution, 1992

[A Call to Conscious, Humane Treatment of Immigrants](#)

Resolution of Immediate Witness, 1995

The 1980s

In the 1980s, many Unitarian Universalist congregations were actively involved in the Sanctuary movement. The 1980, 1984, 1985, and 1989 General Assemblies of the UUA endorsed sanctuary for refugees, and the UUA Board of Trustees established a fund to support individuals seeking sanctuary and to aid churches providing sanctuary.

[Refugee Assistance](#)

General Resolution, 1980

[Cease Support of Government in Violation of Human Rights in Central America and Elsewhere](#)

General Resolution, 1983

[Concerning Central American Refugees](#)

General Resolution, 1984

[Sanctuary and Government Surveillance](#)

General Resolution, 1985

[Sanctuary](#)

Business Resolution, 1985

[Sanctuary Fund](#)

General Resolution, 1986

[The Travel Rights of HIV-Infected People](#)

Resolution of Immediate Witness, 1989

[The Refugee Internment Camp at Harlingen, Texas](#)

Resolution of Immediate Witness, 1989

The 1970s

Throughout the 1970s the UUA supported immigrant farm worker campaigns.

[Support of UFW Boycott](#)

General Resolution, 1974

[UU Migrant Ministry](#)

Business Resolution, 1975

[Farm Worker Initiatives](#)

General Resolution, 1976

The 1960s

At the first General Assembly of the newly formed Unitarian Universalist Association in 1961, a General Resolution was passed in support of migratory workers. This was followed by resolutions in 1963 and 1966 on immigration reform and agricultural workers, respectively.

[Migratory Workers](#)

General Resolution, 1961

[Immigration](#)

General Resolution, 1963

[Agricultural Employment](#)

General Resolution, 1966

(<http://www.uua.org/socialjustice/issues/immigration/reform/128803.shtml>)