

Sanctuary FAQ for WBUUC

Question	Answer
Why are we doing this?	This aligns well with our religious principles.
Who are the people who need sanctuary?	The people are individuals and families who are going through the legal processes associated with deportation.
Why can't they go through the process to be here legally?	Many of the people seeking sanctuary are/have been going through the process legally. Most people seeking sanctuary already have lawyers and are in the process, but are usually under immediate threat of deportation, hence their desire to seek sanctuary.
How can I help?	We are currently seeking volunteers for overnights as well as other duties. Please sign up after a service or on our volunteer form here.
If we don't get someone, will we be lending volunteers to other churches?	As part of the ISAIAH sanctuary church group, other congregations who have guests may ask us for support. However, it would be up to each individual whether or not they would want to volunteer at another site.
Will our WiFi signal/bandwidth be boosted?	For sure! This is in the plans.
What physical changes will be made to the church building?	The main physical change will be a shower added in the all-gender restroom. This will be done while the HVAC work is going on.
The news is reporting that ICE is posting agents outside of churches and taking people as they come out - please comment.	This has happened in a few cases throughout history. It most recently happened at a shelter, not a church. Our guest will have the autonomy to make decisions as to whether or not they choose to leave the property.
How are we working to change unjust laws?	We recognize that this is a symbolic action.
What do our insurance company, the sheriff's office, city hall zoning, mortgage holder, and other such contacts say?	Those conversations are ongoing.
Might we expand sanctuary beyond providing	As it stands currently, we are focusing on

it to undocumented persons?	providing sanctuary for those who are facing deportation.
Are we taking donations?	Yes! If you are interested in any financial donation, please talk to a committee member or church staff. Check updates for weekly needs of tangible donations.
Is there a vetting process before they come?	Yes. ISAIAH MN has a process as will we. We want to make sure that the guest we house has an immigration lawyer to ease the process.
Will the person/people be sequestered here?	It will be up to the guest to decide whether or not they will leave the property.