

Province V Dismantling Racism Network  
July 2022 notes

Opening Prayer: Carol Elvery

- **Resolution re: Detention:** Congratulations to us! General Convention adopted the resolution advocated by us and passed by the Province V synod that officially positions TEC as opposed to immigrant detention and surveillance and in favor of community based, supportive, case management.
  - Some background: At General Convention committee prior to the convention, the resolution was presented and accepted but after consultation with OGR it was “toned down” because OGR thought that would make it easier for them to advocate and negotiate
  - The rewritten resolution was passed by the General Convention
  - Now OGR can support it and act on it and we should look for ways to help
  - Thank you Jack Lloyd for shepherding the resolution through to fruition
- **What issues/activities are top of mind for you? How could the network support you? Do you know of migration ministries in Province V that are not yet involved in our group? How do we reach out and connect?**
  - Lesley MacKellar is working with an organization in central Indiana called Welcome Baskets started by Winnie; they deliver baskets of household supplies to refugees, migrants, etc. in the area. Lesley and another person are working with Winnie to expand her non-profit and obtain grants.
  - Carol Elvery spoke about a book her church is reading about immigration to raise awareness of immigration issues; trying to build interest in her church
  - Debunking Myths About U.S. Immigration webinar (sponsored by American Immigration Council) held on 7/21/22 with the authors of the book Streets of Gold written by Leah Boustan (Princeton University) and Ran Abramitzky (Stanford University). Purchase thru [Amazon](#)
- **Chicago Sanctuary Task Force** plans a webinar on either August 18 or 31 that will provide information on the global refugee crisis and the Neighbor to Neighbor response. This should be worthwhile to anyone interested in this issue throughout the province. The STF also plans a November webinar in which churches that are in the process of sponsoring refugees will talk about how they made it happen and what the challenges are. (In P5, have discussed the possibility of special quarterly events of broader interest. Might collaborating with the STF on these kinds of webinars fill the bill? Chicago Diocese has the infrastructure to do it.)
  - Province V should help publicize this event and invite churches to join; Heather Barta knows how to contact the communication directors in each diocese.
- **EMM Brochure:** EMM has developed a concise but comprehensive [brochure](#) highlighting our church's positions on migration issues and opportunities to support these positions. How can we give every interested parishioner in Province V access to this info?
  - Kendall Martin, Communication Director of EMM, has certain methods of dissemination. Jack will follow up with Kendall and loop in Heather Barta to find out if they have different channels for disseminating information so the brochure can be widely disseminated in Province V without duplication of efforts.

- **Organize as a sub-group under EMM's Asylum & Detention Ministry Network?** We may be able to organize our provincial network as a sub-group under EMM's Asylum & Detention Ministry Network.
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  - Carol, if we try this, let's not have Province V meetings monthly. Perhaps should be quarterly instead.
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  - Consensus was reached to "try this." Lesley – if it doesn't work, we can try something else!
- **Tabled for next meeting:**
  - The movement against ICE detention at Clay County Jail is planning to move toward a more faith-based approach to their work - prayer vigils, outreach to congregations, etc. Is this something we want to organize to support?
  - Other items?

Closing Prayer: Lesley MacKellar