

Prov V Migration Ministry September 15, 2022 meeting

In attendance: Lesley Mackellar, Carol Elvery, Fran Board, Silvia Huth, Heather Barta, Jack LLoyd

Opening Prayer

Member Check-In

Lesley MacKellar: Welcome Baskets, Inc. Indianapolis; in the process of writing bylaws and obtaining grants; continuing to minister to the community. Jack said it could be the subject of a future webinar encouraging others to take up this ministry

Carol:

1. Attended 2 webinars: including one about the Great Episcopal Race to raise money for EMM/UTO

Jack:

1. Bus loads of people coming from Texas to Chicago; about 11 buses so far with 500-600 buses. Epis Sanct Task Force working with other groups (Catholic Charities, Refugee 1, etc.) to provide basic toiletries and shelter. IL has declared a state of emergency to free up funds. Can also donate to [Interfaith Community for Detained Immigrants](#)
2. Sanctuary Task Force came across art exhibit in the Diocese of San Joaquin from children who had been separated from their parents and the art expresses how they felt about the situation. It is a way to touch people emotionally and have received permission to print the art and share it.

Fran:

1. People in her church are receptive to immigration issues but hasn't really taken hold. The Outreach Committee is having Trunk or Treat and will invite children of local migrant workers. Will provide information at a ministry fair. Wondering about a grassroots knitting project related to refugees/immigration

Silvia:

1. Diocese of Michigan is exploring the possibility of opening the Emrich Retreat Center for temporary refugee housing
2. Silvia is joining another church group for a pilgrimage to shelters at the southern border sponsored by the Diocese of the Rio Grande:

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Bridge Chaplain

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The Rio Grande Borderland Ministry <https://riograndeborderland.org/>

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Sanctuary Task Force Webinar

1. Lesley learned that we need people working at the grass root level in their local areas b/c resettlement agencies can't do it all
2. Carol: There are a lot of good webinars already being offered that we should find out about and publicize

Question: Should we meet monthly or bi-monthly with each member committing to attend a webinar to report back on?

We agreed that this is a good idea.

Will change meeting to 3rd Tuesday of the month: 11/15/22 and 1/17/23, 3/21/23 and 5/18/23

Let's look for an October webinar to recommend to the group and Province V

Reminders - please consider attending:

- Monthly Zoom **EMM Asylum and Detention Ministry meetings**
- OGR's Advocacy Day via Zoom on September 21 - **"Love God, Love Neighbor"**
("This training is designed for those interested in gaining advocacy skills and messaging tools in the immigration space. At the end of the training, we hope all participants will take the opportunity to directly advocate to members of Congress and their staff about protections for refugees, asylum seekers, and all migrants seeking a better life.")
- **A retreat in the desert: Leaving Home: Immigration Through Children's Eyes**,
Monday, October 10 - Wednesday, October 12, Tucson, AZ ("A retreat hosted at Episcopal Church of the Apostles in Oro Valley, Arizona, focused on the impact of migration on children and families and the ways in which we are called to welcome and engage community action.")
 - Registration costs \$355. [Learn more and register](#)

Closing Prayer