

CALL TO RESIST: IMMIGRATION JUSTICE ADVOCACY LENT 2 Week of March 13:

This week, our Nicaragua Companions would like us to learn and act. They invite us to read an article about US immigration policies and then act by sending in reactions that will be shared with our siblings in Nicaragua.

Excerpts from Article in Washington Post, Friday, March 4, 2022

“Courts Issue New Directives to Biden on Border Expulsions”

A federal appeals court panel in the District ruled unanimously Friday that the Biden administration may continue expelling migrant families from the United States under a pandemic public health order but not into countries where they may face persecution — citing “stomach-churning evidence” that the U.S. government has delivered people to places where they face rape, torture and even death.

The ruling’s impact on border proceedings was unclear, but analysts said it would require the government to introduce new screening procedures for migrants who state a fear of harm if sent back to Mexico or their home countries under the public health rule.

[I]t means families who were quickly expelled to nations such as Haiti will now have a chance to undergo a more thorough screening at the border to see if they qualify for protection in the United States. That will probably mean interviews to see if they have valid fear of persecution, and possibly a hearing in immigration court, lawyers said.

CALL TO ACTION:

- 1) **Please read the full report in The Washington Post, <https://www.washingtonpost.com/national-security/2022/03/04/migrant-ruling-title-42/>, learn more about the U.S.’s conflicted, inconsistent southern border policy.**
- 2) **Email Diane Lauber or Tim Groves** any ideas, reactions or experiences that you have relevant to Immigration, especially at the U.S. Southern Border. It will be wonderful to have a wide voice of Covenant to share with our Siblings in Dulce Nombre de Jesús in Nicaragua.
- 3) **BONUS Action:** Please thank your House legislators here in MA for their support of the Work & Family Mobility Act. https://www.aclum.org/sites/default/files/field_documents/work_and_family_mobily_act.pdf
- 4) **BONUS #2:** From Cosecha Massachusetts: Please support Licenses For All. Senate President Karen E. Spilka is the one to decide when the Senate is going to vote on the Work and Family Mobility Act (S. 2289). She supports the law and has said she will schedule the vote this month, but there is no date yet. Please call Senator Spilka’s office at 617-766-0206 or email her at karen.spilka@masenate.gov to urge her to bring the bill to a vote ASAP.

WE HOPE & PRAY THAT THIS PROCESS CAN LEAD TO FOLLOW-UP ACTIONS FOR US AT COVENANT.