

Virginia United Methodist Conference Immigration Summit
Saturday, May 19, 2018
Ramsey Memorial United Methodist Church
Agenda

9:30 – 10 Registration and refreshments
Location: Gym/Christian Living Center (CLC) hallway [first floor]

Location: Sanctuary (second floor)

10 – 10:30 Welcome and Introduction – What does the Bible say? What does the UMC say?
Speaker: Rebecca Cole, Director of Grassroots Organizing, General Board of Church
and Society

10:30 – 11:30 Immigration Process – How immigration works. How people legally immigrate.
Problems and struggles with the process.
Speakers: Dominique Poirier, Director of Legal Services, Just Neighbors
Rob Rutland-Brown, Executive Director, National Justice for Our Neighbors

11:30 – 12:30 Current Events – Executive orders, increased deportation, travel bans etc. What is
happening at State level? Overview on what the churches and other groups can do,
and levels of sanctuary churches. Overview of Rapid Response Teams.
Speakers: Dominique Poirier
Rob Rutland-Brown
Lana Heath de Martinez, Welcoming All Coordinator, Virginia Interfaith
Center for Public Policy (VICPP)
Yanet Amado, Community Organizer, VICPP
Rebecca Cole

12:30 – 1 Lunch break
Location: Gym

1 – 3 Breakout Sessions – 1 hour each

Know Your Rights

Location: Gym

Leaders: Dominique Poirier

Rob Rutland-Brown

Advocacy for Immigrants and Refugees

Location: Sanctuary

Leader: Reuben Eckels, Interfaith Advocacy Minister, Church World Services

Different Ways Sanctuary Can Be Provided

Location: Fellowship Hall (first floor)

Leaders: Lana Heath de Martinez

Yanet Amado

How Do We Have Discussions in Our Churches with Those of Different Points
of View?

Location: Room 201 (near Sanctuary)

Leader: Rebecca Cole