

## **Proposal for Congregational Action on Immigration**

**Goals:** to connect our congregation to immigrants, to foster understanding on immigration issues, to realize our vision of a more just world and promote a world of peace and social justice in accord with our church's mission statement.

**Options for Action:** 1) offer a weekly evening class in learning English, in a partnership with the Immigrant Learning Center in Malden (which does not offer evening classes) or with Refugee Immigration Ministry.

2) volunteer with "Beyond" Boston Immigration Justice Accompaniment Network: accompanying immigrants to court, offering rides and letters of support, participating in rallies and vigils, and fund-raising for bonds and legal fees.

3) holding a fund-raising event, such as a dinner, to support the ILC, RIM or BEYOND.

**Core Team:** Kathy Keleher, Paul Belfanti, Nancy Free, Michelle Desveaux, Barbara Lambiaso, and Carol Nestor

The Core Team would contact the partner organizations, plan and organize events, and ask the congregation to participate.

**Resources Needed:** Church space for a class and fund-raising event, budget of \$100 - \$200 for food for a dinner