

## WHO:

Elena Letona, Executive Director  
Centro Presente

UU and Interfaith Leaders

## WHAT:

UU Statewide Forum on  
Immigrant Rights

and

*Detained*— the award-winning 20-minute documentary about the New Bedford, MA Immigration & Customs Enforcement raid will be shown.

From ActiveVista Media, directed by Jenny Alexander and produced by Michelle Fuentes

## WHEN:

Saturday, May 10th, 11 a.m.-3 p.m.  
*Mother's Day in Latin America*

A Latino lunch will be included!

## WHERE:

Arlington Street Church  
Unitarian Universalist  
351 Boylston St, Boston, MA

(See back for directions, subway info,  
and parking.)



**Arlington Street Church** is located at 351 Boylston St at the **corner of Arlington and Boylston Streets** in the Back Bay neighborhood of Boston. It is directly across from the Boston Public Garden.

[www.ascboston.org/contact/directions.html](http://www.ascboston.org/contact/directions.html)

Walk up Boylston Street to the stairs at the 351 Boylston Street entrance. Please ring the doorbell.

### By subway:

Take any Green Line train to the Arlington T Stop.

### By car :

Take Storrow Drive to the Copley Square exit. Proceed on Clarendon Street to Boylston Street. Turn left on Boylston street and look for street parking or proceed ahead on Clarendon Street and park in the Back Bay garage.

### Parking at ASC:

*Boston Common Garage* : \$11 All day parking -- walk across Public Garden to ASC

See [www.mccahome.com/bcg.html](http://www.mccahome.com/bcg.html)

The entrance to the Boston Common Garage is located on Charles St, directly across from the Public Gardens

*Back Bay Garage*: The entrance to the Back Bay Garage is 222 Berkeley Street.

After you park your car, take the pedestrian exit onto Boylston Street, turn right, and walk to the corner of Arlington Street and Boylston.

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*Boston Interfaith Community Immigrant Rights March, May 2006, Photo by UU World Editor Chris Walton*

## Valuing ALL Families – UU Statewide Forum on Immigrant Rights



Join

Unitarian Universalist Association

Unitarian Universalist  
Service Committee

Arlington Street Church

Centro Presente

MA Interfaith Committee for  
Worker Justice

*Our current immigration system is broken. It keeps families apart, both through a huge backlog in family-based immigration, and through the unjust detention and deportation of immigrant mothers, fathers, brothers and sisters. As people of faith, our concern for family values means valuing and embracing ALL families.*

—UUA President Rev. William G. Sinkford

### **Supporting immigrant rights is a core Unitarian Universalist value.**

At our first General Assembly in 1961 we passed a resolution on the rights of immigrant workers followed by a 1963 resolution calling for immigration reform. Throughout the 1970s we supported immigrant farm worker campaigns and in the 1980s many Unitarian Universalist congregations were actively involved in the Sanctuary movement. Three General Assemblies of the UUA endorsed sanctuary for refugees and the UUA Board of Trustees established a fund to support individuals seeking sanctuary and to aid churches providing sanctuary.

The 2004 Statement on Civil Liberties affirms our strong commitment to advocate for the right to due process of immigrants, refugees and foreign nationals. In 2006 and 2007, the General Assembly passed Actions of Immediate Witness to support immigrant communities including a call for an immediate moratorium on federal raids and resulting deportations.

Our Unitarian Universalist faith calls us to recognize that no one is "the stranger," to affirm and promote the inherent worth and dignity of every person, and to support the use of justice, equity, and compassion in human relations.

## Join

**Elena Letona, Exec Director, Centro Presente**

**Jeb Mays, Board Chair, MA Interfaith Committee for Worker Justice**

**Susan Leslie, Director, UUA Congregational Advocacy & Witness**

**Wayne Smith, UUSC Program Manager for Civil Liberties**

**Peter Lowber Chair, ASC Sanctuario Task Force**

- We will share our own family immigration stories
- Hear stories from people who came here from Central America
- Examine what is happening today and what are the economics driving immigration
  - View *Detained*— the Award Winning Documentary about the New Bedford ICE raids
  - Learn and share what we can do:

Welcoming MA Initiative, New Sanctuary Movement, Moratorium on ICE raids, support for immigrant families and more!

### **A Latino Lunch will be provided!**

Sponsors: Unitarian Universalist Association, Unitarian Universalist Service Committee, Arlington Street Church, Centro Presente, MA Interfaith Committee for Worker Justice, Welcoming MA Initiative, New Sanctuary Movement



## What we can do:

### **Sign the Welcoming MA Pledge**

(see [www.welcomingma.org](http://www.welcomingma.org)) as individuals, social action committees, and congregations! The pledge affirms *Massachusetts as a Commonwealth that respects the dignity of all people, rejecting the politics of division and calling for humane immigration policies.* The UUA & UUSC are both signatories.

Our goal is to deliver 100,000 individual and 1,000 organizational pledges to the Massachusetts Legislature by July 1st asking them to pledge to make Massachusetts a welcoming state and to call upon members of the Massachusetts Congressional Delegation and the Administration to enact real solutions to America's broken immigration system in the first 100 days of the 111th Congress.

Over 50 faith, community, immigrant rights and labor organizations have already joined Welcoming MA. The Boston, Cambridge and Everett City Councils have endorsed Welcoming MA. The resolution will be before dozens more city and town councils in the coming months.

### **Join the New Sanctuary Movement**

(see [www.newsanctuarymovement.org](http://www.newsanctuarymovement.org)) to pledge support to immigrant families suffering from unjust immigration laws and raids through providing sanctuary and educating, advocating, and witnessing on behalf of immigrant rights. Arlington Street Church is the first UU congregation in MA to join the NSM. UU congregations across the country have already joined.

### **Congregational Handbook:**

*For You Were Once A Stranger: Immigration in the U.S. Through the Lens of Faith*

For UUA resources (including a 5 min. video of President Sinkford at ICE Headquarters in Portland OR) see [www.uua.org/socialjustice](http://www.uua.org/socialjustice) then Issues and go to Immigration

