

First Parish Cambridge TASK FORCE APPLICATION FORM

Task Force Name: Beyond Borders-Sin Fronteras	
Lead organizer's name: Rebecca Balder	
Primary purpose/mission of TF (describe the <i>Issue, definition of social problem, religious values involved</i>):	
<p>The purpose of Beyond Borders-Sin Fronteras (formerly Immigration Task Force) is to promote education and awareness of local and global immigration issues through various activities and events, and to advocate for local, state and national policy and legislative changes in concert with local partners. We bear witness to our partners' efforts and participate in various actions around immigration. Our overall goals are to educate, bear witness, create awareness, and participate as advocates in immigration issues. In keeping with our congregation's journey toward a multiracial, multicultural, justice-making future, and in affirming the inherent worth and dignity of every person, we take action to support positive social change.</p> <p>The migration of people—driven by economic, social, political and environmental factors—is taking place around the world. Millions are currently in transit, in refugee camps, in detention centers, or living and working in places without full legal status and without access to social services or protection of civil rights.</p> <p>As UUs we draw on the universal faith tradition of welcoming the stranger and practicing prophetic hospitality. Unitarian Universalists, in accordance with our core values, have consistently supported immigrant workers, families, and immigration reform. The following principles resonate in particular:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The inherent worth and dignity of every person; • Justice, equity and compassion in human relations; • The goal of world community with peace, liberty, and justice for all; • Respect for the interdependent web of all existence of which we are a part. 	
TF Objectives for church year 2019-2020	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Broaden First Parish's participation in advocacy initiatives, including supporting: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Boston Immigration Justice Accompaniment Network's (BIJAN) activities (courtroom accompaniment, bonding people out of ICE detention, answering hotline calls from people in ICE detention) o The Work and Family Mobility Act (to allow all MA residents to get drivers' licenses) o The Safe Communities Act (to prevent state resources from being used for federal immigration enforcement) • Increase involvement of members/friends of First Parish in the Cambridge Interfaith Sanctuary Coalition (CISC) • Identify ways to support pro-immigrant initiatives financially • Raise awareness about the causes of migration and the history of immigration law in the United States • Increase First Parish attendance at vigils outside outside the Suffolk County House of Correction. • Look into the feasibility of offering physical sanctuary at First Parish in the future. 	

Possible strategies, activities or events planned for church year 2019-2020:

- Publicly support pro-immigrant advocacy initiatives as a group
- Encourage members/friends of First Parish to take action on the Work and Family Mobility Act, the Safe Communities Act, and other policy priorities that may arise.
- Encourage members/friends of First Parish to participate in BIJAN’s activities
- Hold after-church educational activities related to immigration
- Attend vigils outside outside the Suffolk County House of Correction as they occur. Organize transportation from First Parish to encourage attendance.
- Attend witness events organized by Cosecha, Centro Presente and other community partners

Organizers commit to serving on the task force and actively working on this issue.

Identify Organizers:	Signatures:
1. Rebecca Balder (co-chair)	
2. Julie Duncan (co-chair)	
3. Julia Gallogly	
4. Karin Lin	
5. Peter Lowber	

Supporters agree to participate in activities of the task force.

Identify Supporters:	Signatures:
1. Pamela Fox	
2. Valerie Fullum (confirmed)	
3. Susan Shepherd	
4. Allegra Heath-Stout	
5. Kyle Eichner	