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NASHVILLE REFUGEE CONFERENCE

Welcome to the Only+Together Nashville Newsletter, a reliable source for local immigration news to help us better serve and minister to immigrants in our community. We will include new legislation and presidential actions, alerts, resources, how-to help and events. No opinions. No politics. This is your newsletter.

Email your news and information to OnlyTogetherMail@gmail.com.

You know about Only+Together, Nashville's refugee conference. The 7th conference is scheduled for late September. But we just couldn't wait until then to share information at such a time as this. Only together can we stand up for justice and the dignity and welfare of all people.

NEWS

Yesterday, TIRRC (TN Immigrant and Refugee Rights Coalition) held a meeting for faith leaders, sharing the current situation, the removal process and rights. Important Points:

- Churches, hospitals and schools were once protected areas from ICE action but no longer. Churches with concerns need a plan and designate "private" areas with signage. For ICE to enter a private area, they must have a signed warrant. Homes and employee-only spaces are private. If ICE comes to a private place, ask them to slip the warrant under the door.
- It was highly recommended for people who fear deportation to establish a plan and a trustworthy power of attorney for financial affairs. Click here for the [TIRRC Family Preparedness Plan](#).
- To Do: contact legislators, sign up for [TIRRC](#) Action Alerts and Rapid Response

Network.

- TIRRC collects information on raids, which can be reported by calling 615-414-1030. It is legal to video ICE activity. However, it is recommended NOT to share information on ICE activity on social media.

REFUGEE RESETTLEMENT AID STOPPED

Federal funding to refugee resettlement agencies was halted on Jan 24, leaving refugees without the 3 months of rent, utility assistance and services essential to get a start in a new country. The resettlement agencies, [NICE](#), [Inspiritus](#) and [Catholic Charities](#) are seeking donations, mentors, and volunteers.

Multilingual Updates to your Inbox

Check out [Trump Immigration Policies: What To Know](#) from **USAHello**, a non-profit organization that uses technology to connect immigrant communities with the information and resources they need to thrive. Subscribe and share. Available in 12 languages, including Spanish, Arabic, Haitian, and Ukrainian.

TN LEGISLATIVE IMMIGRATION BILL WATCH

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