

November 2019 Newsletter

Calling all you hungry hearts
Everywhere through endless time
You who wander, you who thirst
I offer you this bodhi mind.

Calling all you hungry spirits
All the lost and the left behind
Calling all you hungry hearts
Everywhere through endless time
Gather round and share this meal
Your joy and your sorrow, I make it mine.

SEGAKI DAY - The Day of the Dead
Saturday, November 2
8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Please prepare a lunch offering for this extended practice day. We will each share a favorite dish/treat of someone special that we would like to remember this Segaki Day.
AND please feel free to bring something to add to our Day of the Dead Altar

THANKSGIVING HOLIDAYS are upon us.
We WILL be open for meditation on Tuesday evening, November 26 but will be CLOSED on Saturday morning, November 30.

Immediately below –

*The family of Joel Erkenwick, former sangha member, invites you to a memorial also on November 2nd. Joel will be remembered during our Segaki Day ceremony and we will end the day at 4 p.m. so you can attend the celebration memorial party afterwards if you so choose.

2:30pm - 4:00pm

In Quaker style, we will sit and reflect on all things Joel. We encourage you to come to listen and share memories, poems, stories, jokes, songs, or anything you feel Joel would have enjoyed hearing.

Location: The Evanston Friends Meeting at 1010 Greenleaf St, Evanston

5:00pm - 8:00pm

Come celebrate in a livelier fashion with the many that knew Joel. He liked to throw parties, so we'll try to do him right with plenty of food, drink and music!

Location: The Margarita European Inn at 1566 Oak Ave, Evanston

If you plan to attend, please help by filling out the form below. The last thing we

want to do is run out of food. Joel would not approve. Also share this information with Joel's communities. He had many friends we've lost touch with. <https://forms.gle/F8pzTs7JCWjiQJa77>

****CURRENT ILLINOIS IMMIGRATION UPDATE**

NEW AMERICAN ECONOMY

We believe Dreamers deserve better and Americans agree: Seventy-four percent support permanent protections for Dreamers¹. With the Trump administration's attempt to end protections for Dreamers, only lawmakers can resolve this issue once and for all – but Congress refuses to act. Before it's too late, we need lawmakers to hear from as many concerned people like you as possible:

Send a message to tell Congress: Pass legislation protecting Dreamers now!

AMERICAN FRIENDS SERVICE COMMITTEE

Our taxpayer dollars should be spent on things that make our communities safe, healthy, and strong—like education, health care, and food assistance. But Congress has again voted to spend over half of the U.S. budget on the military—a gross misrepresentation of our values and a misallocation of our tax dollars.

Tell Congress: Stop spending our taxpayer dollars on weapons and war and reinvest in our communities!

Sign the petition: Urge Congress to enact humane treatment for asylum seekers and immigrants!: If you haven't already, add your name today to tell Congress to support the Dignity for Detained Immigrants Act!

INFORMATION:

CENTER FOR AMERICAN PROGRESS

Immigration Detention Is Dangerous for Women's Health and Rights

By Nora Ellmann

This report details four areas critical to the health of women and girls where some of the most egregious rights violations have occurred in immigration detention: maternal health, reproductive autonomy, mental health, and sexual abuse. In each of these critical areas, CAP offers policy recommendations to improve the standards and quality of women's health. The report highlights the need for policies and oversight to limit the use of detention and ensure that the rights and autonomy of women and girls in detention are not further violated.

Read more »

See Also: **FACT SHEET: Women's Health and Rights in Immigration Detention**

ILLINOIS COALITION FOR IMMIGRANT AND REFUGEE RIGHTS (ICIRR)

DACA clinics throughout the state are happening now through December. For more information, visit: <https://www.icirr.org/event>.

AMERICAN FRIENDS SERVICE COMMITTEE

A border story you can feel good about (video): AFSC's Adriana Jasso talks about working alongside immigrant communities in San Diego, organizing and advocating for the protection of human rights and dignity for all people.

What you should know about Temporary Protected Status (TPS) for immigrants: This vital program protects hundreds of thousands of immigrants from countries afflicted by war, natural disasters, and other dangers—but now it's at risk of ending.

Trial begins for faith leaders and veterans arrested at the border: On Monday, four people—who were arrested during the "Love Knows No Borders" action organized by AFSC—will face trial in San Diego. Supporters will hold a solidarity protest outside the courthouse.

AMERICAN IMMIGRATION COUNCIL

How States Expand Access to Driver's Licenses Ahead of Real ID Deadline

Every state is unique and may address the needs of its residents differently. Communities in New York and Oregon galvanized public and political support to ensure that state residents drive legally and safely—providing an economic boost and improving public safety for all.

By Tory Johnson | [Read More »](#)

Privacy Concerns Grow as Federal Immigration Agencies Use More Surveillance Technology

These controversial surveillance technologies purposefully mix immigration enforcement with criminal law enforcement. They don't make communities safer and have the potential to infringe on people's rights, immigrant and native-born alike.

By Melissa Cruz | [Read More »](#)

The Perils of the Migrant Protection Protocols

Rape, violence, kidnapping, and lack of basic health care is, unfortunately, a reality for hundreds of asylum seekers subjected to the Migrant Protection Protocols or "Remain in Mexico" program.

By Hilda Bonilla | [Read More »](#)

Prosecutions from Workplace Immigration Raids Overwhelm Mississippi Legal System

Those detained in the Mississippi raids are being forced to navigate our criminal justice and immigration systems without adequate legal services in an apparent effort to increase the consequences for immigration-related violations. This approach to immigration enforcement not only impacts immigrants and their families, but also the communities where they live and work.

By Katy Murdza | [Read More »](#)

The Trump Administration Wants to Return to a Pre-Civil Rights Immigration System

President Trump has made no secret of his preference for immigrants from Nordic countries—and his disdain for immigrants from places like Haiti, El Salvador, and basically any African country. It's no wonder that he wants to lead the nation back to the 1950s, before the civil rights movement dared to challenge the racial hierarchy of U.S. society.

By Walter Ewing | [Read More »](#)

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Prayer Vigil: FRIDAYS: 7;15-8 am 1930 Beach Street, Broadview, IL.

Oct. 29: Chicago Religious Leadership Network and others: An Afternoon with Marty Rosenbluth, immigration lawyer; details in <https://crln.org/event/an-evening-with-marty-rosenbluth-lawyer-for-migrant-detainees-in-the-deep-sou>

Nov. 2: Chicago Religious Leadership Network 30th Anniversary Celebration, 6:30 pm; McCormick Theological Seminary; Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago

Nov. 24: Wellington United Methodist Church and Refugee One shopping event at 10,000 Villages, 915 Chicago Ave, Evanston, 2-5 pm