



Proposed Kentucky Legislation (SB1 and HB51) which will have a catastrophic impact on Immigrants, Especially Families. Hear the Views of a Panel of Experts followed by an Interactive Conversation between them and Interfaith Leaders and Concerned Citizens, Monday, February 10, 2020, to discuss how the community can respond to Stop This Outrage (Program hosted by Thomas Jefferson Unitarian Church, and organized by The Salaam Network and co-hosted by the Interfaith Coalition for Immigrant Justice)

Date/Time: Monday, February 10, 2020 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm

Place: Thomas Jefferson Unitarian Church, 4936 Brownsboro Rd, Louisville, KY 40222

WHAT WOULD THE CURRENT DRAFT OF THE FAMILY SEPARATION BILL DO?

- Force almost all public employees, from staff at domestic violence shelters to hospitals, to engage in federal immigration enforcement.
- Allows government agency employees to assist in deportations and in fact, requires them to report.
- Weaken local law enforcement by putting victims and witnesses of crime at risk of being detained and deported if they report a crime.
- Allow state constitutional officers to formally challenge people or agencies they believe are not enforcing the law.
- Create a system of fear, intimidation, and racial profiling against Kentuckians of color, or our Kentucky immigrant communities in general.
- Expose counties to costly lawsuits.
- Senate President says he want to include provision denying college admission to students without proper documentation and DREAMers (DACA recipients).
- Can lead to mass deportations of immigrants.

To put it plainly, any person who looks like he/she might be an "immigrant" would be the subject of scrutiny and law enforcement action. Even if he/she is documented and/or US citizens, he/she can be targeted or live in fear of being targeted.

PURPOSE AND FORMAT OF THE PROGRAM:

- To heighten public awareness of the meaning and implications of SB1. This will be done by our panel-presenters, four of whom are attorneys, three of them being specialists in immigration law. Our other panelists are strong social justice activists.
- To have an interactive conversation between the panelists and members of the audience which will include members of the local interfaith community who are concerned about the catastrophic impact on immigrants, refugees, asylum seekers and others in our community, if SB1 becomes state law in Kentucky.
- To identify ways in which the interfaith community can respond collectively to the legal and psychological threat to vulnerable individuals and groups in our community, as well as to justice-and-compassion-based teachings which lie at the heart of all major religious and spiritual traditions, and also to fundamental American values.
- To discuss holding other similar programs in various interfaith settings to disseminate awareness amongst different groups in our community.

PRESENTERS:

1. **RON RUSSELL:** Immigration attorney for the past 32 years, representing immigrants from the Middle East, Africa, Asia, and Latin America. Also, a longtime community activist for immigration rights and reform and racial justice.
2. **PROFESSOR ENID TRUCIOS-HAYNES:** Teaching at the Brandeis School of Law, University of Louisville since 1993; a nationally-recognized scholar in immigration law who has been in the field for over 30 years. She is the Director of U of L's Muhammad Ali Institute for Peace and Justice.
3. **NIMA KULKARNI:** Immigration attorney and advocate in Louisville, and has been in practice for over a decade. In 2018, she was elected as the first immigrant to serve in the Kentucky General Assembly. She currently serves as the State Representative for District 40 in Jefferson County.
4. **FELICIA NU'MAN:** family law and criminal defense attorney who provides dedicated and professional legal representation for individuals and families in Kentucky. She is Muslim by birth and Afro-American, a well-respected litigator and a Core Member of The Salaam Network.
5. **IRA GRUPPER:** Board member, KY Alliance Against Racist & Political Repression; Member, Jewish Voice for Peace; Member, Metro Disability Coalition; Retired delegate, Greater Louisville Central Labor Council.
6. **KARINA BARILLAS:** One of the Co-Founders and Executive Director of La Casita Center which enhances the well-being of Louisville's Latino community through education, empowerment, advocacy, and wellness.
7. **REV. DR. DEREK PENWELL:** Activist author and pastor, Rev. Dr. Derek Penwell, serves as senior pastor of Douglass Blvd. Christian Church, and lecturer in the Comparative Humanities Department at the University of Louisville.
8. **DR. JOE BRENNAN:** has worked as Diocesan Director of Catholic Charities in Tampa, and is currently the Director of the Kentucky Labor Institute. He is a Consultant to The Salaam Network.

MODERATOR: REV. TRICIA LLOYD-SIDLE, a retired Presbyterian minister, provides leadership for Louisville's *Interfaith Coalition for Immigrant Justice*.

The Salaam Network is an interfaith group of educators, peacemakers, artists and supporters from a wide range of backgrounds. Its goal is to work toward making our Beloved Community of Louisville "Whole" by making it free of disunity, division and discrimination. Through its educational programs it strives to actualize the vision of an all-inclusive community where no one is seen as "the Other."



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