



## **Immigrant Hospitality Team**

The Immigrant Hospitality Team (IHT) formed after FUMC became an official Level II Sanctuary Solidarity Congregation as part of the Washtenaw Congregational Sanctuary (WCS) Network in 2017. The IHT coordinates ways to assist immigrant and refugee individuals and families in Washtenaw County.

### **Key Actions/Activities**

- Lifting up immigrants and refugees through prayer and special time of worship.
- Providing opportunities for members of the congregation to assist in urgent response efforts in the case of an individual or family facing deportation or detention and/or changes in policy or legislation impacting immigrants and refugees. This would be achieved through outreach and education; advocacy campaigns; fund raising efforts; logistic support and other forms of voluntary engagement.
- Participating in resource gathering activities in the form of food, clothing, or other supplies and/or services for immigrants and refugees in emergencies, or in need, as well as organizing or participating in activities of friendship and solidarity. This includes services for individuals and/or families facing separation, displacement or relocation, for example, transportation to medical appointments and school, assisting with moving into new housing.
- Building relationships and providing solidarity and financial support for other churches who are directly involved in offering shelter, supplies and/or services for immigrants and refugees in need.