

IMMIGRATION DETENTION VISITORS NEEDED IN PLYMOUTH COUNTY

Training sessions for Spiritual Care Givers, Mondays in May 2017

Jesus is quite clear, praising those who visit the imprisoned as caring for Jesus Christ himself (Matthew 25:31-46). In this season with increased Immigration and Customs Enforcement detentions, there is an increased need for Spiritual Care Givers to visit those imprisoned, especially in Plymouth County.

Spiritual Care Givers go into the facilities to listen to those scheduled for deportation. Often, listening is the only thing we can offer. Listening has a humanizing effect, an act of compassion and humanity during a time of trial.

The [Massachusetts Council of Churches](#) hears the desire of many Christians across the Commonwealth to offer meaningful gestures and helpful actions to people being detained. And so, we've partnered with [Refugee Immigration Ministries](#) to provide meaningful opportunities for service that meet a real need.

Who should volunteer? Adult lay leaders and clergy willing to visit detention center in Plymouth, MA once a month. A second language is helpful, but not required. Register online here: <https://goo.gl/forms/ifDNmhfKLR8PysEm1> by April 24, 2017.



When & where will we be trained? 4 Monday evenings in May 2017, hosted by [Church of the Pilgrimage](#), 8 Town Square, Plymouth, MA.

Monday May 1, 6-9pm with dinner provided
Monday May 8, 6-9pm
Monday May 15, 6-9pm
Monday May 22, 6-9pm

What will we learn? Refugee Immigration Ministries has been training Spiritual Care Givers to visit people being detained for over 30 years. We'll learn active listening, boundaries, legal issues, prison culture, Immigration & Customs Enforcement process, Trauma, Grief & Loss.

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