

PRESS ADVISORY: Interfaith "Sanctuary Caravan" delegation goes to the border

Monday, November 26 - Thursday, November 29

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The New Sanctuary Coalition (NSC) Interfaith contingent will arrive Monday, November 26, 2018, to witness what people fleeing Central America are faced with when they arrive at the border and after they cross.

The delegation will meet with local organizing groups in the San Diego area on Tuesday, and in Tijuana on Wednesday. They will speak with members of the caravan as well as migrants who have been at the border for weeks waiting to present themselves to Customs and Border Patrol. The delegation will be also available for press conversations.

Delegation members:

Ravi Ragbir, Executive Director New Sanctuary Coalition

Pastor Kaji Dousa, Park Avenue Christian Church, NY

Reverend David Telfort Lafayette Avenue Christian Church, NY

Father Fabian Arias St. Peter's Lutheran Church, NY

Reverend Willie Francois Mount Zion Baptist Church, NJ

Reverend Philippe Andal Community Baptist Church, CT

Reverend Chloe Breyer Interfaith Center, NY

Minister Heaven Berhane, New Sanctuary Coalition, NY

<u>Sanctuary Caravan</u> is a campaign to counter the United States' violence and fear with welcome and support. It is a long-term effort with a physical presence on both sides of the border. The project includes a clinic on the southern side helping people prepare to present themselves to CBP; US citizens who will accompany those crossing the border to witness and wait for them to be released; and volunteer networks to help them connect with organizations and resources that will continue to offer safety and support.

New Sanctuary Coalition springs from New York's faith-based and social justice communities and forms a unique family of citizens and immigrants, bound by a love of



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humanity and mutual respect. For over a decade NSC has created community and safety through its accompaniment program, pro se clinic, popular education series, and activism. NSC believes migration is a right, and the Sanctuary Caravan is a manifestation of their core values.