

## Press Release

### Faith Community to Mobilize Thousands for Immigration Reform March

More than 35 Religious Groups to Bring People of Faith to D.C. on March 21

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WASHINGTON, D.C. - A broad coalition of religious organizations from across the faith and ideological spectrum will bring thousands of people of faith to Washington, DC, for a powerful demonstration of their unified support for just, humane immigration reform that keeps families together. The faith community is gratified to be joined by civil rights, immigrant, family and labor groups in organizing this massive mobilization. With their partnership, the **March For America: Change Takes Courage and Faith** will bring tens of thousands of people to Washington on March 21, 2010.

Following the launch earlier this month of "Together, Not Torn: Families Can't Wait for Immigration Reform," including the delivery of hundreds of thousands of pro-reform postcards to Members of Congress and more than 100 events in communities across the country, religious groups are now chartering buses and organizing housing for thousands of people of faith to attend the March For America. Originally planned to coincide with Ecumenical Advocacy Days, an annual faith-based conference dedicated this year to immigration issues, the march continues the faith community's longtime commitment to reform and urges political leaders to act on the issue this year. The faith community's online hub for organizing people of faith to attend the march is <http://www.changetakesfaith.org/>.

People of faith will not stand by as our broken immigration system rips families apart, and anger, frustration and misunderstanding divide our nation. With the March For America, faith communities across America are standing up for families and communities to create the moral urgency political leaders need to address this pressing issue - because change takes courage and faith.

Catholic, Evangelical, Mainline Protestant, Jewish, Muslim, Sikh, and interfaith organizations, denominations, and community organizing networks supporting the March for America include: *American Jewish Committee, American Friends Service Committee, Anti-Defamation League, Catholics in Alliance for the Common Good, Christians for Comprehensive Immigration Reform, Church World Service, The Episcopal Church, Faithful America, Franciscan Action Network, Friends Committee on National Legislation, The Gamaliel Foundation, Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society, Islamic Information Center, The Immigration Issues Offices of the Presbyterian Church USA, Interfaith Worker Justice, JALSA - the Jewish Alliance for Law and Social Action, Jewish Community Action, Jewish Council for Public Affairs, Jesuit Refugee Service, Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service, Mennonite Central Committee U.S. Washington Office, National Advocacy Center of the Sisters of the Good Shepherd, National Hispanic Christian Leadership Conference, NETWORK: A National Catholic Social Justice Lobby, Pax Christi USA, PICO National Network, The Religious Action Center of Reform Judaism, Sisters of Mercy of the Americas, Sojourners, 3D Security, Unitarian Universalist Association of Congregations, United Church of Christ, Justice and Witness Ministries, United Methodist Church, General Board of Church and Society, UNITED SIKHS and World Relief.*