





## A PEOPLE OF WELCOME



The City of Seattle can anticipate a bus of asylum seekers sent by the Texas Governor any day now. The City currently only has a five-day emergency fund allocated for welcoming these new arrivals. They need to hear from community and advocates that significantly more needs to be done.

The Church Council of Greater Seattle joins the Washington Immigrant Solidarity Network (WAISN), and dozens of local faith communities and organizations, in supporting the increased designation of funds to support the health, safety, and well-being of our migrant siblings as and after they arrive. Here is the text of our letter recently sent:

Dear Governor Inslee, Mayor Harrell, and Seattle and King County Councilmembers,

We, the undersigned community organizations, immigrant and human rights groups, urge you to immediately implement an emergency fund in conjunction with long-term investments in supporting asylum seekers, refugees, and migrants. We have already seen how Governor DeSantis flew migrants to Martha's Vineyard without alerting local authorities while cruelly lying to migrants, jeopardizing their immigration cases, and manufacturing a crisis as the local community stepped up without any notice to provide support. As Seattle and Washington State continue to welcome asylum seekers, we in this region can do no less. It is our collective responsibility to model a safe, respectful, and humane response to people and families fleeing crises and seeking safe haven.

We all want and deserve safety and security for our families. Migrants seeking asylum and refuge at the southern border are fleeing terrible conditions, violence, and persecution. It is disheartening to see how people are being bussed and flown to cities as a political stunt rather than through fair and humane processes that help families and communities make the transition.

We demand that Washington invest in a long-term plan for welcoming migrants to the state beyond a five-day emergency fund. Every level of government must develop a coordinated strategy to help migrants successfully integrate and thrive in Washington and give them a fair opportunity to make a claim for permanent protection. Mayor Harrell, Governor Inslee, and our city and county council members must act together to meet both emergency and long-term needs, and live up to Washington's promise of being a welcoming state for immigrants, refugees, and asylum seekers.

We cannot let disinformation, fear, and partisanship take over. We will fight for our families' safety, security, and freedom and we need our elected leaders to demonstrate our values through action, not just words.

Sincerely,  
The Church Council of Greater Seattle

## SIGN THE BOOK OF LIFE

Remember and honor friends and family who have passed by writing their names in the *Book of Life*. The book becomes part of worship on All Saints Sunday, November 6.

Names of persons who have passed away in the last 12 months will be spoken in prayer during service that Sunday. Fill out a simple form in the news article at [PlymouthChurchSeattle.org](https://www.plymouthchurchseattle.org) to add names (please place an asterisk by names of those who have passed in the previous 12 months) or sign the book at Plymouth in the Lounge. Please send/sign by Wednesday, November 2.

## RUINS OF MEMORY: WOMEN'S VOICES OF THE HOLOCAUST



Ghetto Fighters' House Museum Photo Archive

You are invited to experience *The Ruins of Memory: Women's Voices of the Holocaust*, by Tales of the Alchemysts Theatre 3 pm October 23, Wallingford United Methodist Church (2115 N. 42nd St., Seattle, WA 98103). Free-will donations at the door.

This performance piece features inspiring selections of resistance and resilience from fiction, poetry, and oral histories by survivors and victims of the Holocaust, spotlighting the stories of women from both the Ashkenazi and Sephardic communities. Combining live music, sound and movement with spoken word and song, the production captures emotional snapshots of the time, delineating the mounting tension and fear that swept throughout Europe as Jews were led inexorably to their fates. For more information, visit [Alchemysts.org](https://www.alchemysts.org).

## LET'S HEAR FROM YOU

If you have questions, concerns, hopes and dreams for Plymouth, join representatives from Plymouth Congregational Council for open discussions online via Zoom 7-8pm the second Wednesday of each month. **Next opportunity is November 9.** Email Diane, [DJacobsen@PlymouthChurchSeattle.org](mailto:DJacobsen@PlymouthChurchSeattle.org) by 5pm the day of the meeting for Zoom link.



Tracy Simpson, Church Moderator



For all the saints, who from their labors rest..

## INVITATION TO VOYAGE

Join Seattle native and operatic tenor, Kenneth Gayle, for an artful musical voyage of songs, arias, Spirituals, quotes, and poetry inspired by themes of waves, water, and journeys. 2 pm Sunday, November 13 at Plymouth. Suggested Donation \$20

This program prominently features 20th and 21st century Art Songs by living American and African-American composers, and settings of poetry by Langston Hughes and Lucille Clifton. Tenor Kenneth Gayle and collaborative pianist, Joseph Williams, weave a salon-style musical journey through centuries, languages and cultures, exploring timeless artistic inspirations from the past, and new 21st century perspectives.

All funds collected will go to the Washington State Chapter of the *Poor People's Campaign: A National Call for Moral Revival*. The Campaign is uniting tens of thousands of people across the country to challenge the evils of systemic racism, poverty, the war economy, ecological devastation and the nation's distorted morality. Visit [WashingtonPPC.org](https://www.washingtonppc.org) to learn more and get involved.



Hear Kenneth Gayle at Plymouth Nov. 13

## COME JOIN THE SONG



Make a joyful noise with Plymouth Ringers.

Sari Breznau and Dr. Wanda Griffiths are working hard to bring in-person choral music back to Plymouth! We have two singing options on offer: 9-10 am Sunday mornings in Hildebrand Hall, led by Sari and currently dubbed the "Sunday Singers." This group focuses primarily on folk and popular styles of music and largely sings from memory. Another option is the group that meets Thursday evenings, 7:30-8:30 pm and/or Sunday mornings following worship, 12:30-1:15 pm, led by Wanda and currently dubbed "Thursday Singers." Thursday Singers focus on classical choral tradition, so it is helpful to have some music-reading experience but not required. We'll teach you what you need to know!

Two other musical-making options are Plymouth's Ukulele Club and the Plymouth Ringers (handbells).

For the full schedule and more information regarding the Sunday Singers or Ukulele club, contact Sari at [SariBrezna@gmail.com](mailto:SariBrezna@gmail.com). For the full rehearsal schedule and more information regarding Thursday Singers or the Plymouth Ringers, contact Wanda at [WGriffiths@PlymouthChurchSeattle.org](mailto:WGriffiths@PlymouthChurchSeattle.org).

## 2023 CALENDARS FOR INMATES

Visitations have started up again for Monroe Correction Complex inmates and we are excited to reconnect with our friends there. The inmates really appreciate a calendar for the coming year and last year we collected over 1000! As you receive free calendars in the mail, please donate them if you can't use. Ask your neighbors to see if they might wish to donate theirs.



A small act of giving that brings great joy.

There will be a box in the Plymouth Lounge to leave calendars on Sundays. We will collect into December. If you live at Horizon House, please put them in Sue Jones' cubby hole in the mailroom (#1S). If you are unable to make it to Plymouth, we will do our best to collect them. Call or email Christine Hanson 509-679-7430, to arrange a pick up. Thank you in advance for this simple act which brings so much joy to our incarcerated friends. —Christine Hanson and Mike Pierson

## DISABILITIES AND MENTAL HEALTH JUSTICE



God calls us to create a just world for all people living with disabilities and mental health challenges. God calls us to the work of justice for people experiencing stigma, invisibility, and marginalization by church and society. We are called to work to ensure that church and society reduces the stigma faced by those living with disabilities and

mental health challenges, and make room at the table through education, advocacy and partnerships. Get involved by connecting with our disabilities and mental health ministries and let us know how you would like to be a part of creating a just world for all. Visit [UCC.org](https://www.UCC.org) to learn and act.

## UNDOING INSTITUTIONAL RACISM

The Undoing Institutionalized Racism workshop is offered by The People's Institute for Survival and Beyond a national multiracial, antiracist collective of veteran organizers and educators dedicated to building an effective movement for social change. The UIR workshop is designed to educate, challenge and empower people to "undo" the racist structures that hinder effective social change.

Workshops are held online over 3 days, 10 am-4 pm. Cost is \$350 per person. **Next workshop is November 7-9.** Registration and full schedule at [PINWSeattle.org](https://www.PINWSeattle.org).