

# Questions for the Ladder of Engagement on Immigration Advocacy and Action

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These questions are designed to support theological reflection, strategic planning, and congregational discernment at each stage of the Ladder of Engagement for Immigration Advocacy and Action. Each level includes questions that begin with 'I would like to know more about...' or 'My congregation is curious about...' to encourage dialogue and deeper commitment.

## Level 1: Awareness and Education

- I would like to know more about how to effectively dispel myths about immigrants in a congregation that holds mixed political views.
- My congregation is curious about how Episcopal partnerships—like those with EMM or Anglican dioceses abroad—strengthen our understanding of global migration.
- What opportunities, challenges, and support do you have or need in your context?

## Level 2: Relationship-Building and Initial Actions

- I would like to know more about how to build trust with immigrant communities without assuming we know what they need.
- My congregation is curious about where our financial contributions can make the most immediate and ethical impact for immigrant support.
- What opportunities, challenges, and support do you have or need in your context?

## Level 3: Direct Support and Preparedness

- I would like to know more about what it takes to join a rapid response network and how our church can be ready to mobilize.
- My congregation is curious about how to create a preparedness plan that upholds both legal protections and pastoral care for immigrant families.
- What opportunities, challenges, and support do you have or need in your context?

## Level 4: Advocacy and Public Witness

- I would like to know more about how to engage elected officials around immigration justice without compromising our church's unity.

- My congregation is curious about what it looks like to participate in public witness events in a way that is faithful, visible, and legally responsible.
- What opportunities, challenges, and support do you have or need in your context?

### **Level 5: Organize Leadership and Systemic Change**

- I would like to know more about what it takes to coordinate an advocacy campaign across multiple churches and organizations.
- My congregation is curious about how we can step into leadership roles that transform systems while staying rooted in our spiritual identity.
- What opportunities, challenges, and support do you have or need in your context?