

MARCHA Statement on the Deportations, the Militarization of Los Angeles, and the Global Crisis of Injustice

As graduations and end-of-school celebrations unfold across the country, families in Los Angeles are facing a cruel and inhumane reality. While parents gather to honor their children's educational milestones—moments that symbolize hope and possibility—ICE raids and deportations are tearing families apart. This is not justice. This is not safety. This is evil.

MARCHA stands in unwavering solidarity with the immigrant community in Los Angeles and beyond. We denounce the ongoing violence committed by this administration against immigrants and asylum seekers. Protesters exercising their constitutional rights to freedom and assembly are being met with military force. MARCHA is outraged by this administration's policies that criminalize immigrants and suppress the right to protest. We reject the systemic dehumanization that defines this moment. We oppose the militarization used to silence voices with constitutional rights to protest the unjust deportations of vulnerable communities. This is racism.

As a faith-rooted movement, MARCHA affirms the God-given dignity of all people, especially those who are marginalized and oppressed. We raise our voice against the governments of authoritarianism that are rising globally—the current U.S. administration's violent immigration policies, the authoritarian regime in El Salvador, and the ongoing genocide in Gaza. We denounce the Trump administration and all elected officials who have enabled these atrocities—through action or silence.

We call on the Council of Bishops of The United Methodist Church and all faith leaders to rise in defense of the immigrant, to speak boldly against authoritarianism, and to act in alignment with the Gospel's call to justice.

Now is the time to act.

We urge our community to support Rapid Response Networks that protect and accompany families facing deportation. Give generously. Organize in your communities. Refuse to be silent.

We are the people of the resurrection. We believe another world is possible—one where justice rolls down like waters, and every child, every family, every people is free.

En la lucha,



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