

DENOMINATION DECLARATION QUESTIONNAIRE

The purpose of this questionnaire is to assist ICAP attorneys in drafting a declaration that will be submitted on behalf of your denomination in litigation challenging the Department of Homeland Security's rescission of the "sensitive locations" policy that previously restricted the authority of Immigration and Customs Enforcement ("ICE") agents to conduct immigration arrests at or near churches.

Your answers to this questionnaire are subject to attorney-client privilege and will not be shared outside of the legal team without your consent.

Once you complete the questionnaire, we will prepare a draft declaration for you to review, and then we will work with you to refine it until you are confident that the information is true and accurate. The declaration will not be submitted in court until you are fully comfortable with its content!

Please answer the questions to the best of your knowledge, explaining as appropriate what knowledge forms the basis of your answer. If you do not know the answer but would like to ask your congregations and then report back, that is no problem – just make a note to that effect.

If a question is inapplicable to your denomination, or you would prefer not to answer it, you may simply note that and move to the next question. If you think we have not asked the right question and you have other information you'd like to share, please do.

If you have any questions as you're completing the questionnaire, please email them to Kelsi Corkran at kbc74@georgetown.edu.

We know there are a lot of questions and appreciate your time in going through them – thank you!

General Information

- 1. What is your name and what is your position at your denomination? What are your responsibilities and how long have you held this position?**
- 2. Please share a brief history of your denomination's founding, mission, and presence in the United States. If there are internet sources that you think are helpful to fleshing out your answer (to this question or any others), feel free to provide a link to those webpages.**

- 3. How many congregations do you have in the United States and how do they typically come into being – e.g., does the denomination engage in church planting, and/or do pre-existing congregations apply to become part of your denomination?**
- 4. What are the requirements for a congregation to be part of your denomination?**
- 5. How is your denomination governed?**
- 6. Would it be accurate to describe your denomination as one church with many congregations? Why or why not?**
- 7. Would it be accurate to say that an injury to one congregation is an injury to the denomination as a religious body? Why or why not?**
- 8. What are your denomination's religious beliefs about serving and ministering to immigrants? Does the answer depend on whether the immigrants have legal status or are undocumented? How central are these beliefs to your denomination's religious mandate and mission? Feel free to share particular Bible verses, denominational tenets, or other sources of guidance that are important to your answer.**
- 9. Are your congregations unanimous in their agreement with the religious beliefs you described above? If not, please explain.**
- 10. In what ways does your denomination communicate to the public that it is welcoming of immigrants, regardless of legal status?**

History of Immigration Enforcement Relating to Congregations

- 11. Have any of your congregations ever experienced a raid by ICE or Customs and Border Protection (“CBP”)?**
- 12. Have any of your congregations ever received any communication from ICE/CBP? If so, please explain.**
- 13. Does your denomination or any of its congregations have partnerships or ongoing lines of communication with ICE/CBP? If so, please explain.**
- 14. To the extent that you know, has ICE/CBP ever shown up at any of your churches or the immediately surrounding area to conduct surveillance or engage in any type of immigration enforcement (e.g., search, questioning, arrest, etc.)? If so, please explain.**
- 15. To the extent that you know, has ICE/CBP ever conducted a raid or other noteworthy immigration enforcement effort in towns or cities where your churches are located? If so, please explain.**
- 16. Are any of your congregations located in an area that makes them more susceptible to a raid (e.g., along any border or near any port of entry)? If so, please explain.**

- 17. Please describe any knowledge you have regarding any of your churches that are located in towns/cities with a substantial number of undocumented immigrants, or immigrants more generally.**

Immigrant Congregants

- 18. To what extent do your churches have immigrant congregants, and what countries are they from? What information, if any, do you have about whether those congregants have legal status or are undocumented?**
- 19. Are you aware of any of your congregants ever being targeted by an ICE/CBP raid? If so, please explain.**
- 20. Are you aware of any of your congregants receiving any communication from ICE/CBP? If so, please explain.**
- 21. Are you aware of any of your congregants being arrested by ICE/CBP, placed in removal proceedings, or having a final order of removal entered against them? If so, please explain.**
- 22. Are you aware of any of your immigrant congregants having previous criminal convictions? If so, please explain.**

Social Service Outreach Ministries

- 23. To what extent do your congregations have outreach ministries that serve immigrants, such as English classes, soup kitchens, clothing pantries, or legal services (we'll call these "social service outreach ministries" for the rest of the**

questionnaire)? If so, tell us what you know about the ministries, the populations they serve, where the services are provided (i.e., on church property or somewhere else), and how they are organized (are they considered part of the church or separate? Who runs them?).

24. How are these social service outreach ministries related to the religious mission and mandate of your denomination? Is it of particular significance to that religious mission and mandate to provide social service outreach ministries to immigrants? If so, does it matter whether the immigrants served are undocumented? Feel free to share particular Bible verses, denominational tenets, or other sources of guidance that are important to your answer.

25. If your congregations have social service outreach ministries that serve non-congregant immigrants on church property, to what extent do you know whether they have legal status or are undocumented?

26. Among the non-congregant immigrants who participate in your social service outreach ministries on church property, are you aware of any of them being arrested or targeted in a raid by ICE/CBP, receiving communication from ICE/CBP, being in removal proceedings, or having a final order of removal against them? If so, please explain.

27. Among the non-congregant immigrants who participate in your social service outreach ministries on church property, are you aware of any of them having previous criminal convictions? If so, please explain.

Impact of Sensitive Locations Policy Rescission

28. Based on the answers above, are you and/or your churches/congregants afraid that the rescission of the “sensitive locations” policy will result in an ICE/CBP raid of your churches? If so, describe your level of concern and the reasons for that

concern. (If you and they are not concerned, you may skip the rest of the questions in this section.)

- 29. How would an ICE/CBP raid during a worship service, religious ceremony, or other in-person church activities (e.g., Bible study, small groups, prayer circles, elder and deacon meetings) impact the religious mission and mandate of your denomination and congregations? Feel free to share particular Bible verses, denominational tenets, or other sources of guidance that are important to your answer.**
- 30. Have your congregations made any changes, or do they anticipate making any changes, in their worship services, religious ceremonies, or other church activities as a result of the sensitive locations policy rescission?**
- 31. Has the rescission of the sensitive locations policy caused a decrease (or do you expect it will soon cause a decrease) in participation in worship services, religious ceremonies, and/or church activities among your congregants? If so, what is the basis for your answer – e.g., have any congregants indicated that they will be reluctant to come to church due to fear of ICE/CBP raids?**
- 32. If there is a decrease in participation in worship services and church activities due to the increased risk of ICE/CBP raids, how will that impact your denomination's religious mission and mandate? Feel free to share particular Bible verses, denominational tenets, or other sources of guidance that are important to your answer.**
- 33. If the rescission of the sensitive locations policies is not stopped by a court, will your denomination and/or congregations feel pressured to cut back on, or make changes to the way they conduct, their worship services, religious ceremonies, or other in-person church activities out of concern that congregants will be exposed to arrest and deportation if they come to church? If so, what kind of changes do you**

anticipate making, and how would those changes impact your religious mission and mandate?

- 34. What impact would cutting back on worship services, religious ceremonies, or other church activities have on your denomination and congregations?**

Impact of Sensitive Locations Policy Rescission on Social Service Outreach Ministries

(If your denomination or congregations do not provide social service outreach ministries that serve immigrants, you may skip this section.)

- 35. Do you believe that the rescission of the sensitive locations policy has made or will make non-congregant immigrants less likely to come to your churches for social service outreach ministries? If so, what is the basis for your answer – e.g., has participation already gone down and/or have any of them indicated that they are reluctant to come to those activities due to fear of ICE/CBP raids?**

- 36. If there is a decrease in participation in your churches' social service outreach ministries due to the increased risk of ICE/CBP raids, how will that impact the religious mission and mandate of your denomination and congregations?**

- 37. Does your denomination or your congregations feel pressured to cut back on, or make changes to the way they provide, their social service outreach ministries to immigrants, out of concern that they will now be exposed to arrest and deportation if they come to those activities? If so, what kind of changes are you making or do you anticipate making, and how would those changes impact your religious mission and mandate?**

38. What impact would cutting back on social service outreach ministries have on the people served by your congregations?

Final Questions

39. Will the rescission of the sensitive location policy and increased risk of ICE/CBP raids impact the way your denomination and its congregations communicate about themselves, their activities, and/or their outreach ministries to the public?

40. Will your denomination or its congregations need to divert any resources to counteract the impact of the sensitive locations policy rescission and increased risk of ICE/CBP raids? (E.g., would your congregations hold another service if one were disrupted, conduct outreach or possibly go to beneficiaries of their social services who stop coming, offer remote options to congregants who are too afraid to attend, etc.)

41. Is there anything else you think we should know about the impact of the rescission of the sensitive locations policy on your denomination or its congregations?