**INDIVIDUAL CHURCH DECLARATION QUESTIONNAIRE**

The purpose of this questionnaire is to assist ICAP attorneys in drafting a declaration that will be submitted on behalf of your church 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!

**You may choose to make the declaration anonymous, and if you do so, we will work with you to make sure that the declaration itself does not include any details that would identify your church.**

Please answer the questions to the best of your knowledge, explaining as appropriate what knowledge forms the basis of your answer. If a question is inapplicable to your church, 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. **Tell us about your church (name, founding, mission, location, membership, and anything else you think is significant).**
2. **What is the name of the association/coalition/denomination that asked you to complete this questionnaire, and how long has your church been a member of that association/coalition/denomination?**
3. **What is your name and what is your role at your church?**
4. **What are your church’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 church’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.**
5. **Is there anything we should know regarding your church’s history of welcoming and serving immigrants? (If your church has ever served as a sanctuary church or been involved in immigrant rights advocacy work, please describe here.)**
6. **In what ways does your church communicate to the public and its members that it is a welcoming place for immigrants, regardless of legal status?**

**History of Immigration Enforcement in Church and Broader Community**

1. **Has your church ever been raided by ICE or Customs and Border Protection (“CBP”)? Have there been raids close to your church or of organizations associated or affiliated with your church? If so, please explain.**
2. **Has your church ever received any communication from ICE/CBP? If so, please explain.**
3. **Does your church have any partnerships or ongoing lines of communication with ICE/CBP? If so, please explain.**
4. **To the extent that you know, has ICE/CBP ever shown up at your church or immediately surrounding area to conduct surveillance or engage in any type of immigration enforcement (e.g., search, questioning, arrest, etc.)? If so, please explain.**
5. **To the extent that you know, has ICE/CBP ever conducted a raid or other noteworthy immigration enforcement effort in the town or city where your church is located? If so, please explain.**
6. **Is your church located in an area that makes it more susceptible to a raid (e.g., along any border or near any port of entry)? If so, please explain.**
7. **Please describe any knowledge you have regarding the number of immigrants in your town/city, and what percentage are undocumented.**

**Congregation Immigrant Membership**

1. **To the best of your knowledge, what percentage of your congregants are immigrants, and what countries are they from? What information is the basis of your estimation?**
2. **What information, if any, do you have about whether your immigrant congregants have legal status or are undocumented?**
3. **Are you aware of any of your congregants ever being targeted by an ICE/CBP raid? If so, please explain.**
4. **Are you aware of any of your congregants receiving any communication from ICE/CBP? If so, please explain.**
5. **Are you aware of any of your congregants being arrested by ICE/CBP or placed in removal proceedings, or do any of them have a final order of removal against them? If so, please explain.**

1. **Are you aware of any of your immigrant congregants having previous criminal convictions? If so, please explain.**

**Social Service Outreach Ministries**

1. **Do you have any 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 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?).**
2. **How are your church’s social service outreach ministries related to your religious mission and mandate? Is it of particular significance to your 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.**
3. **If your church has 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?**
4. **Among the non-congregant immigrants who participate in your church’s 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.**
5. **Among the non-congregant immigrants who participate in your church’s 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 on Congregation**

1. **Based on the answers above, are you afraid that the rescission of the “sensitive locations” policy will result in an ICE/CBP raid of your church? If so, describe your level of concern and the reasons for that concern. (If you are not concerned, you may skip the rest of the questions in this section.)**
2. **How would an ICE/CBP raid during a worship service, religious ceremony, or other church activities (e.g., Bible study, small groups, prayer circles, elder and deacon meetings) impact your church’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.**
3. **How do you think congregants would react to an ICE/CBP raid during a worship service, religious ceremony, or other church activities? Do you foresee having to make any changes to those services and activities as a result?**
4. **Do you believe that the rescission of the sensitive locations policy will cause a decrease in participation in worship services and church activities among 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?**
5. **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 church’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.**
6. **If the rescission of the sensitive locations policies is not stopped by a court, will your church feel pressured to cut back on, or make changes to the way you conduct, your worship service or other in-person church activities (Bible studies, small groups, prayer circles, elder/deacon meetings) out of concern that congregants will be exposed to arrest and deportation at your church? If so, what kind of changes do you anticipate making, and how would they impact your religious mission and mandate?**
7. **What impact would cutting back on worship services or other church activities have on your congregants?**

**Impact of Sensitive Locations Policy Rescission on Social Service Outreach Ministries**

**(If your church does not provide social service outreach ministries that serve immigrants, you may skip this section.)**

1. **How would an ICE/CBP raid during your social service outreach ministries impact your church’s religious mission and mandate?**
2. **Do you believe that the rescission of the sensitive locations policy will make non-congregant immigrants less likely to come to your church for social service outreach ministries? If so, what is the basis for your answer – e.g., have any of them indicated that they will be reluctant to come to your church due to fear of ICE/CBP raids?**
3. **If there is a decrease in participation in your church’s social service outreach ministries due to the increased risk of ICE/CBP raids, how will that impact your church’s religious mission and mandate?**
4. **If the rescission of the sensitive locations policy is not stopped by a court, will your church feel pressured to cut back on, or make changes to the way you provide, your social service outreach ministries to immigrants, out of concern that they will be exposed to arrest and deportation at your church? If so, what kind of changes do you anticipate making, and how would they impact your religious mission and mandate?**
5. **What impact would cutting back on your social service outreach ministries have on the people you serve?**

**Final Questions**

1. **Will the rescission of the sensitive location policy and increased risk of ICE/CBP raids impact the way your church communicates about itself, its activities, and/or its outreach ministries to the public?**
2. **Will your church 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 you hold another service if one were disrupted, conduct outreach or possibly go to beneficiaries of your social services who stop coming, offer remote options to congregants who are too afraid to attend, etc.)**
3. **Is there anything else you think we should know about the impact of the rescission of the sensitive locations policy on your church?**
4. **If you were to submit a declaration on behalf of your church, would you wish to do so anonymously? If so, feel free to state any concerns you have.**