

SUPPORTING REFUGEES AND IMMIGRANTS – ADVOCACY AND COMMUNITY ACTION

Many groups are arising to protest, resist or otherwise take direct action against the current forces in this country that are attacking people because of their race, religion, gender, sexual orientation, physical abilities, country of origin, etc.

In the Capital Region, three of those advocacy groups are providing leadership in supporting refugees, documented and undocumented immigrants and Muslims. They work both as individual organizations and in partnership with each other. Consider joining the movement!

- **The Sanctuary Movement** is looking into ways of providing sanctuary to immigrants who are being threatened by deportation. This includes advocating for “sanctuary” legislation at the State, County and City levels, and providing support for college/university campuses and faith communities to become sanctuary spaces. For more information see <https://www.facebook.com/NS4Immigrants/> . The Contact person is Joe Paparone at joep@focuschurches.net

- **The Capital District Coalition Against Islamophobia (CDCAI)** has organized rallies and other events, conducted workshops, and successfully advocated for anti-Islamophobia resolutions in the Albany Common Council. For more information see the CDCAI Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/CapitalDistrictCoalition/> . If you want to be included on the CDCAI e-mail list, contact Lynne Jackson at lynnejackson@mac.com .

- **NYS Citizen Action** has helped to bring together many local organizations to advocate for the rights of all people. It was through this new coalition that the *Inaugurate Resistance* Day of Action was launched on Saturday, January 21, the day after Trump’s Inauguration. Citizen Action continues to organize against Trump’s attack on refugees and immigrants. See <http://citizenactionny.org/> for more information and how you can get involved.