



NONE OF US ARE FREE UNTIL ALL OF US ARE SAFE

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Wedgewood Church: A Social Justice Community condemns the violent and unlawful ICE and Border Patrol raids that have been taking place across Charlotte since this weekend. As an interfaith community of faith rooted in social justice, we believe that every human being is sacred, every family deserves safety, and every neighbor deserves the right to live in their community without fear. What happened in our city violates these core values and the dignity of our immigrant and refugee neighbors.

This is not routine enforcement. It is a coordinated, militarized operation that places entire communities at risk. Federal agents in unmarked SUVs, wearing masks and carrying rifles, have flooded neighborhoods, shopping centers, parking lots, churches, and residential areas. Witnesses report people being tackled or restrained without clear cause. One man appeared to collapse during an encounter near a church in east Charlotte this weekend. A teenage employee was thrown to the ground and detained outside Super G Mart in Pineville. Parents were detained in full view of their children. Community members were stopped while walking on sidewalks or leaving grocery stores.

Federal officials reported at least 81 arrests within five hours on Saturday, making it one of the largest single day immigration sweeps in North Carolina history. To date, more than 130 arrests have been made. The scale and speed of these raids, combined with the use of masks, rifles, and unmarked vehicles, raise clear concerns about racial profiling, violations of due process, and the intentional creation of fear among Black, Brown, and immigrant communities.

Wedgewood's mission is to build a beloved community grounded in compassion, justice, and solidarity. We believe that faith is measured not by words, but by how we show up for one another, especially when people are harmed by systems of violence. Our interfaith identity reminds us that every tradition represented in our community teaches the same truth: we are called to protect the vulnerable, challenge injustice, and create sanctuary wherever we can.

A verified community resource guide from the Charlotte Immigration Protection Alliance is available here, with safety information, legal contacts, and ways to help: [CLICK HERE TO VIEW](#)

We call on everyone, especially faith communities, in Charlotte to take action.

Check on your neighbors. Offer support without judgment. Share accurate information and avoid spreading rumors. Support the frontline organizations doing critical work, like the Carolina Migrant Network. Document encounters safely if you witness Border Patrol or ICE stops. Provide direct help

when requested, including rides, food, childcare, translation, or accompaniment. Speak out when you see profiling or harassment. Let your places of worship and community groups know that silence is not an option.

If you hold privilege or citizenship, use your voice and your presence to protect those who are being targeted. Harm thrives when communities turn away. Solidarity saves lives.

Wedgewood will continue to speak truth, organize with our partners, and stand with immigrant and refugee families. Our commitment is rooted in our faith and our mission. We believe in liberation, dignity, and justice for all people. We believe that community care is a form of resistance. And we believe that Charlotte is strongest when we protect one another and refuse to look away.