# National Fast to End Deportations Fasting to Keep Families Together UU's Local Hosts June 15-June 18, 2015

<u>WHAT</u>: The Unitarian Universalists for Social Justice (UUSJ) is helping to provide local arrangements for UUs coming from Denver and others local faith community members who will take part in a threeday fast in Washington, D.C.—in front of Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) headquarters and cities across the U.S. to demand policies and laws that respect all our human dignity.

<u>WHY:</u> Every day 1,100 people are deported and thousands more continue to fight to keep their families together. Since 2011, Immigration and Customs Enforcement has failed to implement policies, called "prosecutorial discretion," which were designed to give immigration agents and the Chief Counsel's office the power to keep many people out of deportation.

People like Arturo Hernandez Garcia in Denver who out of love for the children he's raised in the U.S. made the sacrifice to claim sanctuary accompanied by First Unitarian Society of Denver and the Metro Denver Sanctuary Coalition.

Please join us to lift up the voices of impacted families and demonstrate the faith community's solidarity with undocumented people, and to sign up to Fast to End Deportation. Sign up to Fast and additional ways to be in solidarity, at: <a href="http://www.afsc.org/content/sign-support-3-day-fast">www.afsc.org/content/sign-support-3-day-fast</a>

## WHEN AND WHERE:

#### **Monday June 15**

7:00pm Opening- Universalist National Memorial Church 1810 16th St NW, Washington, DC

## **Tuesday June 16: Fasting begins**

9:30am: Participants arrive at Banneker Park
10:00am: Procession to ICE Headquarters, 500 12th St SW, Washington, DC
11:00am: Press Conference

#### Wednesday, June 17

9:30am: Participants arrive at Banneker Park10:00am: Proceed to ICE headquartersReceive visitors, sing and chant all day5:00pm: Proceed back to the park, blessing for fasters, closing

## Thursday, June 18

9:30am: Participants arrive at Banneker Park
10:00am: Proceed to ICE headquarters, Receive visitors, sing and chant all day
4:00pm: Proceed back to the park, blessing for fasters, closing; help needed packing up site.
5:30pm: Arrive at Westminster Presbyterian Church, http://www.westminsterdc.org/
400 I St SW, Washington, DC 20024 for Worship and breaking of the fast, dinner.

**LOCAL VOLUNTEER HELP NEEDED:** We could use peacekeepers (marshals), set-up and take down crews, water, camping chairs and sun tents/shade. We need volunteers to bring food for the opening and closing meals. Contact UUSJ at <u>info@uusj.org</u> or call Rev. Cyn Snavely at 202-600-9132.