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Missouri Faith and Academic Organizations Co-Sponsor Immigration Webinars

INTERFAITH WEBINARS CONTINUE: "Immigration & the 2020 Election"

WHERE: Zoom Webinar Registration at www.interfaithimmigrationstl.org

WHEN: October 21 and 28 at 5:30pm

For decades, faith communities have been on the front lines of immigration justice and refugee resettlement in the United States. The 2020 election may be one of the most consequential elections regarding foreign-born populations in this country. This presents an important opportunity for people of faith and good will to prophetically live into their values through careful discernment and intentional action amidst the complex decisions before us. Join us for the final two sessions of our interfaith webinar series, "Immigration & the 2020 Election," as faith leaders and experts come together to discuss existing policies, the global crisis, and the role of religious institutions and individuals.

On October 21, the webinar "Not Just the Wall: Barriers Faced by Migrant Communities" will explore the realities throughout the phases of the migrant journey: along the US-Mexico border under "zero tolerance" policies, in immigrant detention, and through interior enforcement right here in St. Louis, Missouri. The program will feature **speakers** Sara John, Executive Director, St. Louis Interfaith Committee on Latin America (IFCLA) and Nicole Cortés Co-Director and Attorney, Migrant and Immigrant Community Action (MICA) Project.

On October 28, the webinar "Why People of Faith Should Care about Immigration" will feature a robust panel of theologians and diverse faith leaders who will explore the histories of some traditions and the teachings that propel the faithful to action in matters of justice. **Speakers** include Orlando Espin PhD, professor of Theology (retired) and founder of the Center for the Study of Latino/a Catholicism, University of San Diego; Rabbi Jill Jacobs, Executive Director, Truah: The Rabbinic Call for Human Rights; Ben Sanders, PhD, Professor, Eden Theological Seminary; and R. Marie Griffith, PhD professor and Director of the John C. Danforth Center on Religion and Politics at Washington University (moderator).

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