



MEETING PLANNER

Group: Saint Ignatius Catholic Community –is a Catholic Church in the Jesuit tradition located at the corner of Calvert Street and Madison Avenue in Baltimore City since 1856. Our parish community consists of over 900 registered families in addition to 2,000 to 4,000 viewers who celebrate our online Mass each week. Our Parish publishes an online magazine each week, “Parish the Thought” which has over 2,800 subscribers. For over twenty-five years, St. Ignatius parishioners have supported tuition free, high quality education at St. Ignatius Loyola Academy, Cristo Rey Jesuit High School and Loyola Early Learning Center for hundreds of students from underserved Baltimore City communities. We provide over 1,500 meals each month to community members in need through our Loaves and Fishes Ministry. Our Justice and Peace Committee focuses on education and advocating for institutional change needed to improve the lives of all citizens of Baltimore City with our committee efforts related to Racial Justice, Economic Justice, Immigration Justice, and Environmental Justice.

St. Ignatius Parish is a member of the Ignatian Solidarity Network (ISN) a national Ignatian family of over 100 parishes, schools, and organizations in 30 states participating in social justice education and advocacy inspired by the spirituality of St. Ignatius of Loyola.

Explore our website at www.st-ignatius.net to learn more.

Order of Presentation:

- 1. Delegation Introductions:** Candra Healy, Chair Justice and Peace (J&P) Committee
Emily Bruce – Editorial Coordinator, J&P Committee
Terry Cavanagh – Chair, J&P Economic Justice Subcommittee
Lorraine Cuddeback-Gedeon- – Member, J&P Committee
Vonetta Edwards, Ph.D. - Chair, J&P Immigration Subcommittee
Theresa Furnari - Member, J&P Committee
Len Heckwolf - Chair, J&P Environmental Justice Subcommittee
Kathleen Leslie – Member, J&P Immigration Subcommittee
- 2. Goal of our meeting today:**
To discuss Immigration/Migration and Environmental Justice Policy issues and to determine how we can work together to advocate for just and humane policies.

- a. We present a brief background on our advocacy work in Baltimore, the Ignatian Solidarity Network (ISN) and the overarching purpose of our visit:
**Vonetta Edwards, Chair, J&P Immigration Subcommittee and
 Len Heckwolf, Chair J&P Environmental Subcommittee**

3. Discussion Points/Our Asks: One presenter for each discussion point –

Present personal stories, testimony, facts, and data, projects, and proposed legislation to support our positions on the following aspects of immigration/migration and environmental justice issues.

Immigration/Migration Justice: Kathleen Leslie and Lorraine Cuddeback-Gedeon)

- End Title 42 and other egregious policies at the Southern border that deny entry to asylum seekers. Efficiently process migrants currently waiting and restore policies that allow humane access to asylum processing while respecting the humanity of immigrants.
- The creation of a pathway to citizenship that ensures all 10 million undocumented immigrants, DACA recipients, and TPS holders. Ensure the pathway to citizenship is affordable to all economic statuses. Guarantee that all immigrants are treated with dignity and respect. have access to full rights.

Environmental Justice: Theresa Furnari, Len Heckwolf, and Emily Bruce

- First, the absolute need to accelerate the transition to clean energy to mitigate climate change. To limit global warming to 1.5 degrees Celsius and avoid the worst impacts of climate change, net CO2 emissions need to be reduced to zero by 2050.
- Second, we must invest in sustainable infrastructure. To improve our quality of, preserve our environment and create stable jobs, we need significant investments in in sustainable infrastructure. These investments are vital in places that have historically been underserved and more vulnerable to natural disaster.
- Third, we must prioritize communities impacted by environmental injustice and pass legislation such as the H.R. 5986 Environmental Justice for All Act (co-sponsors, Congressmen Sarbanes, Raskin, MD) to address the disproportionate adverse human health and environmental effects of federal laws on Environmental Justice communities.

4. What sort of follow-up is needed? Terry Cavanagh/Candra Healy

Again, thank you for making the time to meet with us and discuss these critical matters. We hope our dialogue may lead to significant and expeditious progress on Immigration/Migration and Environmental Justice.