

## **LCWR ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 2012 IMMIGRATION**

### **RESOLUTION**

*LCWR calls on Congress to pass the Dream Act and comprehensive immigration reform that includes the reunification of families and a path to citizenship for undocumented immigrants living in the United States.*

*LCWR opposes the passage of and calls for the repeal of restrictive state laws that create a climate of fear in immigrant communities. In particular, LCWR calls for an end to state legislation that:*

- *promotes racial profiling*
- *denies the undocumented basic human services*
- *prohibits the provision of aid by private citizens and religious groups to the undocumented*

### **SUGGESTED ACTIONS**

LCWR members living in states that have passed restrictive immigration legislation will advocate for the repeal of these laws, and members living in states contemplating restrictive immigration legislation oppose such legislation.

LCWR member Congregations make a donation to groups such as the Southern Poverty Law Center, the National Immigration Law Center, or Catholic Legal Immigration Network to be used to support legal challenges to the constitutionality of restrictive state immigration legislation.

LCWR members in collaboration with other pro-immigrant groups such as the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops and NETWORK request the United States Justice Department to continue to challenge the most regressive portions of the enacted state laws.

LCWR members actively promote passage of comprehensive immigration reform by the U.S. Congress.

LCWR members and their Congregations collaborate with other groups to urge the President and Congress to stop deportations of all immigrants (except those convicted of criminal acts) who have been in the United States for one year or more until such time as Congress passes comprehensive immigration reform.