

Quad Cities Interfaith



'22 - '23 Community Report

creating a more just society

WHO WE ARE

Quad Cities Interfaith (QCI) is a nonpartisan, non-profit organization of congregations and community groups whose purpose is to build local leadership and address community issues in the Quad Cities region of Illinois and Iowa.

QCI is a community of people living out our faith and values to collectively transform our society and bring about justice and human dignity locally and regionally.

QCI works to improve the quality of life in our region by developing leaders in congregations and other institutions, so as to introduce our values into public dialogue and speak with a strong, unified voice in the decisions that affect our lives.



“UNMASKING INJUSTICE”

FUNDRAISER PROGRAM

COCKTAIL HOUR — 5:30PM to 6:30PM

BUFFET OPEN — 6:00PM

PROGRAM — 6:30PM to 7:30PM

Opener

Opening Remarks

10 Years of 100 Ready Workers

Our Success Stories

The Call for Justice in 2023

Our Current Campaigns

Commitment

Keynote Speaker

Miriam Alarcon Avila, Photographer and Multimedia Artist

Presentation of Community Leadership and Justice Awards

Isaac Carr - Citizenship Coordinator at Quad Cities Alliance for Immigrants and Refugees

AND

Brian Foy - Chair of Edwards UCC Community Impact Team and Founder/Director of the

Lars Menske-Wren Tutoring Program

Presentation of Marvin Mottet Leadership Award

Leslie Kilgannon — Director of the Quad Cities Housing Council

Closing Prayer

AFTER-PARTY — 7:30PM to 8:30PM



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Unmasking Injustice

WHAT'S BEHIND THE MASK?

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2023 5:30 PM

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Guest Speaker
Photographer and
Multimedia Artist
Miriam Alarcón Avila



Keynote Speaker

Miriam Alarcón Avila



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"Through my creative work, I am fascinated by light and the creative process of creating with and through light, to stop the time that is intertwined with the matter and energy of a defined space. Which allows me to express the essence and the nature of the soul."--Miriam Alarcón Avila

Miriam Alarcón Avila is a photographer, and a visual, multimedia, and storytelling artist. Her mission is to pursue her bliss by creatively producing strong works of art that leave a legacy for a better, sustainable, and inclusive world. She wants to inspire, connect, encourage, educate, support, and help others experience and engage with a borderless world.

Born in Mexico City, Miriam Alarcón Avila became devoted to photography at a very young age. After witnessing the devastating 1985 earthquake that killed thousands of people, walking in the middle of the destroyed city, she experienced a profound urgency to photograph and document both the disaster and the human resilience around her. This experience framed her life and artistic work; understanding that healing and recovery can take place through art and a community support system. At that time, Miriam Alarcón Avila wished to own a camera that would allow her to capture such moments, but that was a luxury her widowed mother couldn't afford to buy. She then started to store thousands of images into the vault of her memory, and has been devoted to visual documentation with a photojournalistic approach ever since.

In 1986, using an old beat-up Fujifilm camera she had picked up in a pawn shop, Miriam Alarcón Avila began experimenting with photography, inspired by the beauty, vivid colors, and abundant textures found in her culture.

When Miriam Alarcón Avila moved to Iowa in 2002, she began working in various photography labs, and with digital mediums to document the work of musicians and local artists, with the goal of embracing and showcasing the cultural diversity of the Midwest. As part of her professional work, she documented musicians appearing at the University of Iowa Hancher Auditorium and across campus, as well as music and artistic venues throughout Iowa City, photographing worldwide performance artists. Along with her professional work, she also collaborated on photo and video documentation projects for numerous nonprofit arts, cultural and community organizations. Her photographic work appeared in several local and national newspapers and magazines.

In 2017, Miriam Alarcón Avila received an Iowa Arts Council grant award to develop "Luchadores Immigrants in Iowa," a photo-documentary project that gave voice to new lowans and shared their challenges as immigrants of Latino heritage; which has become on her personal long-term project. The exhibit, "Immigrant Luchadores" appeared at various universities and venues across Iowa and the Midwest, including the Des Moines Art Center, German American Heritage Center and Museum, Western Illinois University, University of Iowa, Drake University, Muscatine Art Center, and St. Ambrose University, and received regional media attention.

Member of Women Photographers, Photographers Without Borders, Recipient of a mentorship award from PhotoShelter, and Founder of "Colectivo Luchart" Miriam Alarcón Avila is currently at work on several photography projects, talks, presentations, exhibitions, and public art installations for 2023-2026.

Miriam has been selected as Iowa Artist 2022 by The Des Moines Art Center and is one of the 41 contributors to the book "Somewhere We Are Human" Edited by Sonia Guiñansaca and Reyna Grande and published by Harper Viabooks, in 2022.

Marvin Mottet Leadership Award

Leslie Kilgannon

Leslie Kilgannon has lived in the Quad Cities since 1998, when she relocated from Washington, D.C. While in D.C., she worked in legislative affairs for senior housing on Capitol Hill. During that time, she was also the volunteer coordinator and part of a six-woman team who oversaw the first women-built homes in DC Habitat for Humanity's history.

Leslie has more than 20 years of experience in local activism and nonprofit work- working in housing and homeless services, community development, immigration, racial and economic justice. She held past positions with Neighborhood Housing Services, and John Lewis Community Services.

She served as Executive Director of Quad Cities Interfaith for 11 years, where her achievements included leading the work to establish the Scott County Mental Health Court. She also collaborated with leaders to bring the Highway Construction Careers Training Program to BlackHawk College. In 10 years, the program has trained dozens local women and minorities in the highway construction trades.

Leslie is currently the Director of the Quad Cities Housing Council, the local housing trust fund for Scott County, which funds and supports providers of affordable housing and homeless support services throughout the Quad Cities. She has been the Coordinator for the Mottet Leadership Training Institute, partnering with NAACP #4019, St. Ambrose University, Quad Cities Interfaith, the Diocese of Davenport, and Gamaliel to train the next generation of local activists.

Leslie has a Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science and History from Fordham University, Bronx, NY. She has been a National Community Reinvestment Coalition Certified Financial Literacy Instructor. In her years of community organizing work, she regularly trained as part of the Gamaliel Network, Chicago.

Leslie is a member of the NAACP #4019, and LULAC Council 10. In 2017 she was appointed to the Iowa Supreme Court's Access to Justice Commission and served for five years. She is a member of St Paul the Apostle Catholic Church.

She and her husband, Martin Garcia Alfaro, have two sons, Christopher 20, and Liam, 14. The Garcia family resides in Davenport.



Community Leadership and Justice Award

I was born in Zwedru, Grand Gedeh County, Liberia. My parents are Christians, and we attended the Grace Baptist church in Zwedru, Grand Gedeh County as a child. I spent most of my childhood life in Monrovia with my oldest brother, came back to my parents when a war broke out in Liberia where we fled to Cote d'Ivoire or the Ivory Coast.

I have 5 sisters, and 4 brothers some of whom are halves. I graduated from Black Hawk College in Moline, Illinois with Associate degree in Arts and a Bachelors degree in Sociology with Minor in Psychology from the St. Ambrose University in Davenport, Iowa.

I have a beautiful wife of 35 years, Ophelia Davis Carr, and 5 children (2 boys and 3 girls).

As a young man I had the opportunity to serve so many different communities and people. Church planting, youth leadership, the Guiglo Mass Choir president, UNHCR Census Control man, Junior Child Protection Officer with Save the Children (UK), serve as monitoring Field Staff for Action Against Hunger (ACF), the former National Vice president of GGAA, the largest Liberian Community-based organization in the US, current Elder at Bethany Baptist Church, Moline, current Citizenship Coordinator at QCAIR, founding Secretary of the Liberian Community in the Quad Cities, and founder and Director of the Gedeh Marathon project for Liberia.



Isaac Carr

Brian graduated from Michigan State University in 1977 with a BS degree in speech and hearing sciences and then graduated with a MA in speech language pathology from Western Michigan University. He started out as a speech language pathologist with the Mississippi Bend Area Education Agency working in the Muscatine Community School District, specializing in students with autism and hearing impairments. In 2000, Brian got his education administrative degree from the University of Iowa and served as Mississippi Bend's low incidence coordinator, overseeing speech, hearing, vision and assistive technology departments. He retired from this position in 2015 and became a clinical instructor for St. Ambrose's Masters in Speech Language Pathology program.

In addition, Brian and his wife Jane started a parent support group in Muscatine, for individuals impacted by Attention Deficit Disorders after their daughter was diagnosed with ADHD as a kindergartner. This support group and five others in Iowa later joined the National CHADD organization as CHADD of Iowa for which he became treasurer and later co-coordinator. He currently sits on Board of the National CHADD organization. Brian currently is the chair of the Community Impact Team at Edwards Congregational United Church of Christ.

Three years ago, he founded the Lars Menske - Wren Tutoring Ministry, which is a program housed at the church that tutors children who are academically at risk for reading and math after school. Brian is director of this program and coordinates these services between the church and Eisenhower Elementary.

Brian and his wife Jane have lived in the Quad City area since 2012 and have two amazing children, Kristin who is a mechanical engineer in Muscatine and Josh who works for Guggenheim Investments in Chicago.



Brian Foy

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Pilsen Neighbors Community Council provides leadership training that empowers organizations and members of the community to effectively advocate for themselves, their families and for the benefit of the community as a whole. For more than 60 years Pilsen Neighbors Community Council has served as a resource and advocate for the Pilsen community.

Organizing

Pilsen Neighbors Community Council organizes, engages and activates people and resources to positively address community issues facing Pilsen. most notably in the areas of education, housing, healthcare, social justice and immigration reform.



Training

Training, supporting and holding community leaders accountable to reaching their goals for personal and community improvement.



Celebration

In 1972, Pilsen Neighbors Community Council PNCC first organized a fundraising event to celebrate the construction of Benito Juarez High School, we have been partially supported by our summer event, Fiesta Del Sol. The Fiesta brought 1 million people to the neighborhood in 1995 to enjoy Latino music, food and entertainment. In 2023, PNCC celebrates the 51 years of Fiesta del Sol.

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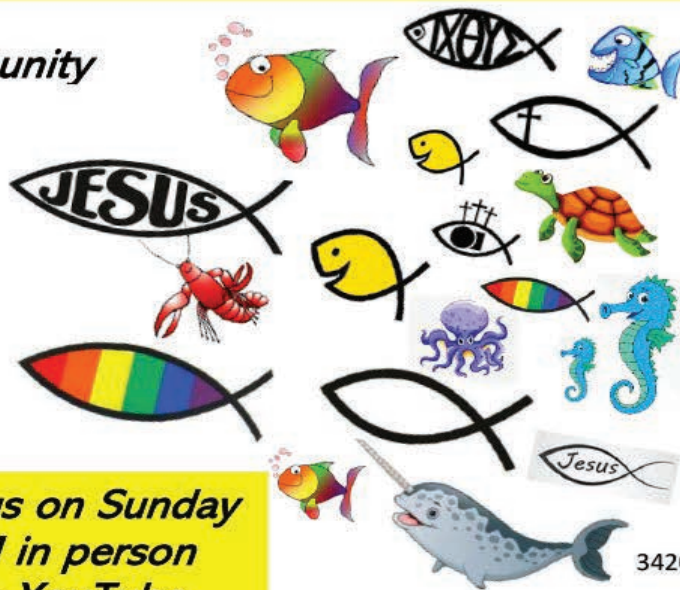
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Civil Rights of Immigrants

Right to Identity

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Environmental Justice

To volunteer or to know more, contact Mayra Hernandez at mayra@qcinterfaith.org



We would like to welcome Mayra Hernandez as the new QCI Acting Director.

Mayra is of Mexican nationality. She immigrated to the US when she was four years old, and grew up in rural Iowa with her parents, who maintained a strong Mexican culture.

"Through community organizing, I found my voice and my power. As a Community Organizer and now, Director, my main goal is to identify and develop leaders to be their own voice and realize their power."

10 Years and 200 Students



To date, this sums up the legacy of the Highway Construction Career Training Program (HCCTP) at Black Hawk Community College in Moline, IL.

In the years before this program's beginnings Quad City Interfaith (QCI) had developed a Jobs Equity Task Force to respond to the plans for the Chicago to the Quad Cities passenger rail project coming to Moline. As part of the preparedness QCI and other partners, such as Rock Island and Davenport NAACPs, looked at the disparities in the public works projects and the lack of minorities and women participants in these projects. It became clear that job training would be in order for these groups to enter the building trades. A goal was set to prepare 100 Ready Workers for these public works projects. At that time the community stakeholders recognized this work would also be beneficial when work began on the I-74 Bridge. As the discussion about the bridge ramped up, QCI won the support of community leaders and the IDOT. With their support and a significant donation of seed money from St. John's Lutheran Church in Rock Island, the plans for a training program began to take shape.

By 2009 the Illinois Community College Board (ICCB) entered into an agreement with the IDOT to create the Highway Construction Career Training Program in Illinois to increase access to highway construction jobs for minorities, women, and disadvantaged individuals. QCI continued to work toward the creation of a local training program. QCI encouraged an agreement between the IDOT and Black Hawk Community College (BHCC) which led to the development of the HCCTP at Black Hawk. By 2013, the college received a grant from the IDOT that opened the door for the training to begin. With this grant, students' tuition, fees and an hourly stipend were covered. 2014 saw the first two classes complete the three-month training program. 10 years later, the HCCTP continues to train women and men in almost all the building trades. 50% of the graduates of the program are accepted into various building trades to attain an apprenticeship. According to Program Manager, Paul Fessler, trade unions seek out HCCTP graduates because experience has taught them these students will be well prepared to enter their apprenticeships. Of the 12 community colleges in Illinois that offer HCCTP, BHCC graduates are in second place regarding their success rates.

This year the HCCTP's grant from the IDOT was \$382,420. Assuming candidates meet the necessary criteria, be a high school grad or completed a GED, and be 18 years of age, are drug-free, and looking for a career in the building trades, they can register and then attend an Orientation session.

If you are interested in learning more about HCCTP, contact Paul Fessler at **309-796-5718**.

Making Headlines

WQAD 8 News Livestream News

QCAIR, Quad Cities Interfaith hosts 2nd annual Multi-Cultural Festival and Quad Cities World Cup Saturday



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ALERT TOP STORY

Scott County officials agree to explore issuing community IDs without taxpayer funds

Sarah Watson Dec 17, 2022 Updated Jun 7, 2023



Arturo Guerrero of Davenport stands with a poster supporting ID cards. Quad-Cities Interfaith are asking the Scott County Board of Supervisors to start a county ID program.

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QC INTERFAITH TACKLING QC'S "HOUSING CRISIS"

LOCAL NEWS

QC Interfaith tackles Scott County's housing crisis

According to Iowa Legal Aid, evictions in Scott County are disproportionately higher when compared to the rest of Iowa.

Author: Collin Riviello
Published: 6:15 PM CDT April 13, 2023
Updated: 6:15 PM CDT April 13, 2023

DAVENPORT, Iowa — Eviction rates in Davenport and Scott County are rising faster than the rest of the state. That's according to a 2022 Iowa Legal Aid report given

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Eviction Rates

Legal Aid, 2022

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State of Iowa- **2.3%**

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- Registration deadline - Friday, June 30, 2023
- \$250 entry fee per team
- Prizes will be awarded to 1st and 2nd place teams, as well as an award for best sportsmanship.
- Teams guaranteed 2-4 games before elimination
- No team roster limit or age limits.
- Final team roster and proposed country logo due by July 10, 2023

We are also seeking referees, Line persons, and Match Commissioners for the games. Those interested should reach out to us at qc@qcair.org

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family members, essential workers in this country, so that it's not just DACA recipients, but it's the families as well."



Kenia Calderon, left, speaks with a Joni Ernst staffer after a press conference on Wednesday in Davenport. Calderon, Davenport faith leaders, and Quad Cities Interfaith are urging Iowa's U.S. Senate delegation to support protections for DACA recipients before the end of the session.

Sarah Watson

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Quad Cities faith leaders urge senators to protect DACA



By KWQC Staff
 Published: Dec. 18, 2022 at 5:14 PM CST

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(Editor's note: The following letter of Quad Cities Interfaith (QCI) has the endorsement of Bishop Thomas Zinkula. Among the other signers are the Social Action Committee of St. Anthony Parish-Davenport and its pastor.)

As signers in support of the Scott County Community ID, we believe its implementation would benefit all residents, businesses, organizations and

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Los temas incluyen: Vacaciones, descansos, seguridad; Robo de Salario; Lucha contra la discriminación y el acoso; Ley Federal y Estatal de Derechos Civiles



Fecha: Sabado Mayo 13

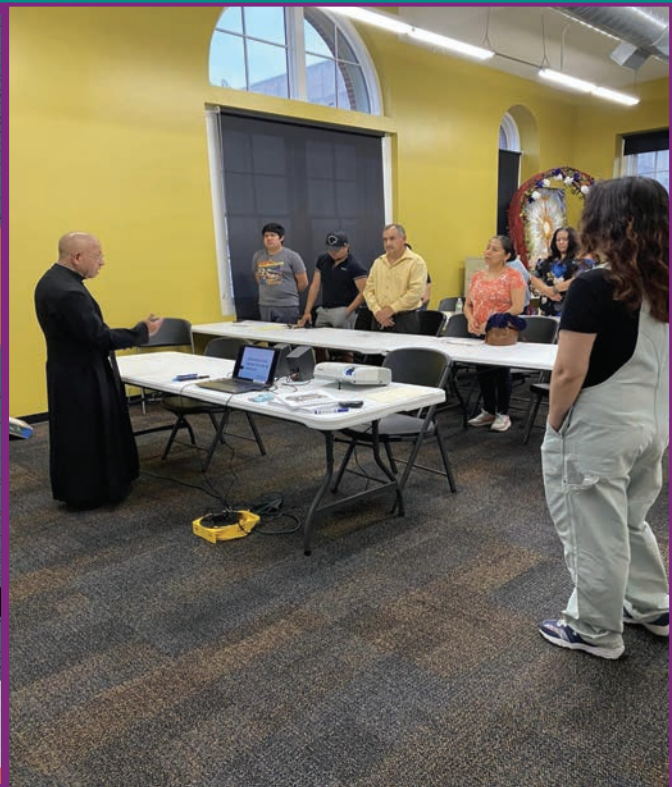
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**Lugar: Iglesia de San Antonio - Centro de Gracia
130 W. 5th St. Davenport IA**

**Preguntas: Mayra Hernandez
641-990-2118**



Immigrants make up hundreds of thousands of workers in Iowa and Illinois. Thank you University of Iowa Labor Center for working with us to host the Con Cafe y Pan Dulce: Conoce tus Derechos Laborales for the Spanish speaking community in the QCA to know our rights in the workplace, regardless of immigration status.





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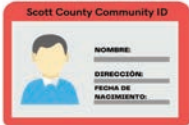
Right to an IDentity

In Iowa, a county may issue a Community ID – a verifiable, official photo identification card – that would make aspects of life more accessible to all county residents. A Community ID would make it possible for residents to participate in the economic and social life of our county. We can make our community a more welcoming and inviting place to all people by providing a basic right that many take for granted: a right to an identity.

Many community members are unable to acquire a traditional form of identification. This ID would be especially beneficial to vulnerable populations, such as citizens returning to the community after incarceration, people experiencing homelessness, people with expired forms of identification unable to travel great distances to renew, senior citizens and immigrants.



APOYAMOS EL ID COMUNITARIO DE SCOTT COUNTY



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- Confirmar tu identidad al usar tarjetas de crédito
- Obtener una tarjeta de la biblioteca
- Recoger recetas en la farmacia
- Devolver artículos en la tienda
- Reportar un crimen
- Interactuar con escuelas, hospitales, organizaciones comunitarias, agencias de la ciudad y el condado y funcionarios policiales

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Moline Community Meeting:

How Diesel Pollution Impacts Our Health as a Community & What We Can Do About It

June 28th | 6:30pm

Hope United Church of Christ
3324 41st St, Moline, IL

RSVP: bit.ly/molinemeeeting



What is diesel pollution? How is it impacting Rock Island County residents? What can you do to make sure our elected officials protect our communities?

QCI is part of the IL Clean Jobs Coalition. We're a group of environmental, justice and faith-based institutions, consumer watchdogs, public health, student activists, clean-technology businesses and entrepreneurs, working alongside community and civic leaders to reduce diesel pollution in communities across Illinois.

We hosted several community meetings across the IL Quad Cities to listen to community members, share the facts, and begin conversations on the impacts of diesel pollution across the QCA.



QCI partnered with St. Ambrose University Campus Ministry to host the Social Justice Leadership Training. We trained students how to cut an issue they're passionate about and carry out an action on a decision maker to implement the change they want to see. It was a great group of students who are passionate about social justice! Thank you St. Ambrose University Campus Ministry for having us!



QUAD CITIES TENANT ALLIANCE

QCI has hired a full-time organizer, Hannah Griggs, to support and strengthen the Quad Cities Tenants' Association. For more information about ways to get involved with the Quad Cities Tenant Alliance, email Hannah@qcinterfaith.org

In partnership with the QC Housing Council, QC Housing Cluster, and the support of the Regional Development Authority, we launched the Quad Cities Tenant Alliance.

The QCTA's mission is to bring neighbors together to address the issues they are facing with their landlords. The QCTA will work to improve the lives of tenants in the Quad Cities through capacity-building, movement-building, and local/statewide advocacy. It will seek to support and strengthen the movement for renters' rights in the Quad Cities.



qctenantalliance.org

N'TOSAKE Training Retreat



QCI, as part of Gamaliel of IL and IA cohosted the 2022 N'Tosake Training Retreat, "Women Together in Power: Fearless, Determined - No Permission Required". Women from across the Gamaliel Network came together for this half week training to gain the tools necessary to transform their lives, their organizations, and their communities.

For more information contact Sara Meyer at smeyer@gmail.com



2023 National Leadership Training

As part of the August 2023 Gamaliel National Leadership Training, leaders and Organizers from the Quad Cities were trained on the tools of community organizing. Our Latino leaders from across the network organized a powerful, bilingual action on Senator Joni Ernst by bringing her representatives to our turf and making two asks: Support the Registry Update and expand TPS!





1st Place goes to Togo.
2nd place goes to Congo.
Fair Play goes to Mexico 1.
Best Sportsmanship goes
to Mexico 2.



This unique event features a multi-cultural festival with food and art vendors as well as a stage full of local performers displaying their cultures. There is also a themed soccer tournament where local teams can compete for prizes.



In partnership with
Quad Cities Alliance
for Immigrants and
Refugees we hosted
our second annual
World Cup and
Multicultural
Festival!



I Vote ID for All



HB3882 has been signed into law! Sponsored by State Senator Ram Villivalam and Representative Barbara Hernandez, this bill will allow for our immigrant neighbors to access a standard driver's license in IL! Thank you to our Rep Gregg Johnson and State Senator Mike Halpin for their support on this bill!

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Pilsen Neighbors Community Council and United Congregations of Metro-East Gamaliel Network



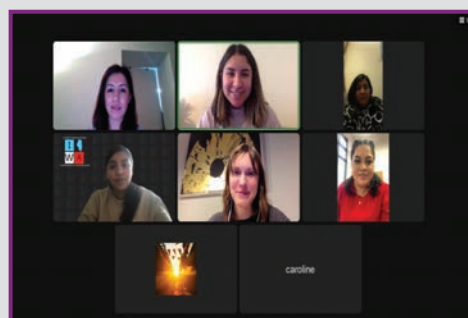
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QUAD CITIES INTERFAITH



Civil Rights of Immigrants Retreat

Quad Cities Interfaith is an affiliate of the Gamaliel Network. Gamaliel's Civil Rights of Immigrants Campaign (CRI) is committed to working for equal opportunity and fair treatment of immigrants, refugees, and asylum seekers.



The Civil Rights of Immigrants is in support of the CHIRLA campaign to update the Registry. What is the Registry? A pathway to citizenship for ALL! The Registry is an existing law that has been around nearly a century and it has been updated 8 times before to provide a path to legalization for immigrants. The Registry was last updated in 1986 under the Ronald Reagan Administration. Congress has the opportunity to act and update the immigration registry by passing H.R. 1511 and S.2606. A registry update will benefit those with DACA, TPS, and fully undocumented individuals who have been living in the US for 7 years or more.

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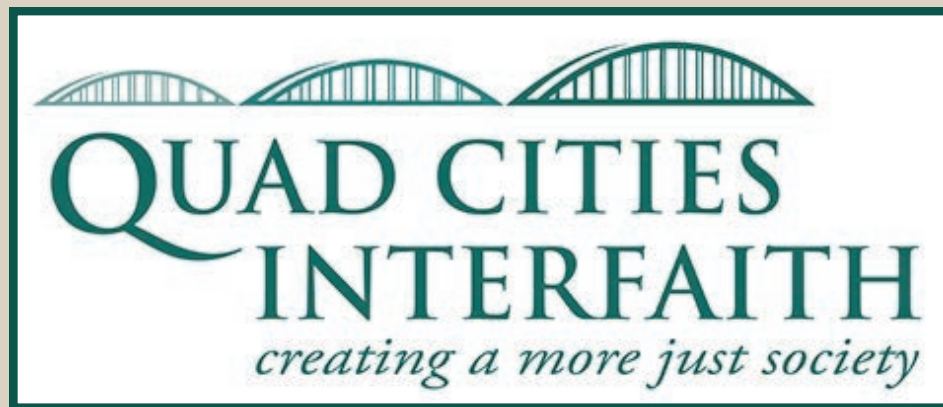


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