

Statement of Solidarity with Migrants

The GWC Organizing Committee has signed and endorsed this open letter by New Sanctuary Coalition, a NYC network of congregations, organizations, and individuals: <https://www.sanctuarycaravan.org/labor>. The open letter calls on organized labor to welcome and support thousands of migrants en route to the US, mainly from El Salvador, Honduras and Guatemala, fleeing violence and poverty in search of asylum and a better life. Many of us in GWC ourselves are migrants; many of us are also educators. As educators, we serve every student who enters our class, regardless of immigration status or nation of origin. We, members of the Organizing Committee, therefore strongly condemn President Trump's racist description of the migrants as rapists, invaders, and criminals. We strongly condemn the president's deployment of troops to the border and threats to permanently close the border. We stand in solidarity with the members of the migrant caravan, who have persisted and traveled hundreds of miles on foot in spite of tear-gas attacks, intimidation, and escalating anti-migrant rhetoric and hostility.

We encourage graduate workers to sign on to the New Sanctuary Coalition's open letter. In addition, New Sanctuary Coalition is collecting donations that will go towards helping the migrant caravan safely enter the US. If you are interested in donating, here is the link: <https://www.sanctuarycaravan.org/donate>

