



UUSC Action: Act now to avert a U.S.-made disaster affecting thousands of Haitians
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Pulpit Announcements

Announcement 1

UUSC calls to protect Haitians from deportation in the wake of Hurricane Matthew

As many of you have heard, Hurricane Matthew recently devastated Haiti. We need to do whatever we can to assist those tens of thousands of Haitians affected by the hurricane, and in addition to supporting on the ground efforts, we must also make sure that U.S. immigration policy is not another source of serious harm to Haitians.

- [If your congregation has a tablet or laptop that can be used for people to sign the letter] Please join us at [the Social Justice Table during coffee hour] to find out more and sign and send a letter to Department of Homeland Security Secretary Jeh Johnson, calling for a more humane approach to Haitian immigration.

OR

- [If your congregation does not have a tablet or laptop available, but would like to encourage people to take action at home] Please take a moment to go to www.uusc.org/stophaitiandeportation where you can sign or write a letter to Department of Homeland Security Secretary Jeh Johnson, calling for a more humane approach to Haitian immigration.

Announcement 2

UUSC calls to protect Haitians from deportation in the wake of Hurricane Matthew

As many of you have heard, Hurricane Matthew recently devastated Haiti. But you probably don't know that on September 22, 2016 the Department of Homeland Security revoked a policy that allowed survivors of the 2010 Haitian earthquake to enter and stay in the United States. Deportation flights have been temporarily suspended, but that is not enough. We must provide a moral example and make sure that U.S. immigration policy is not another source of serious harm to Haitians.

Please take a moment to

- Sign the letter calling on DHS Secretary Jeh Johnson to take a more humane approach to Haitian immigration at www.uusc.org/stophaitiandeportation.
- Make a donation to support to UUSC partners on the ground in Haiti at www.uusc.org/hurricane-matthew-response.
- Include the insert in your order of service.
- [If your congregation has a tablet or laptop that can be used for people to sign the letter] Join us at the table in the social hall/at coffee hour where you can sign and send a letter to Secretary Johnson.

Newsletter/e-news announcement options

Option 1

UUSC calls to protect Haitians from deportation

With each passing day we are learning more about the devastation Hurricane Matthew caused in southwestern Haiti. UUSC partners—locally led grassroots organizations at the front lines of this disaster—are assessing the storm’s impact and working to address the needs of those most marginalized. While in the United States, the Secretary of the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), Jeh Johnson, affirmed that deportation flights have been temporarily halted, he recently made it clear that DHS officials are still arranging to deport Haitians from the United States.

With the loss in lives and property still being measured, this is no time to start deporting people back to Haiti. Join UUSC in telling DHS Secretary Jeh Johnson:

- Restore U.S. humanitarian policy that allows Haitians seeking refuge to enter the country.
- Allow all Haitians already in the United States to stay and remain safe as the country recovers.
- Keep families together in all cases.

Go to www.uusc.org/stophaitiandeportation to sign and send a letter to Secretary Johnson.

Option 2

UUSC calls to protect Haitians from deportation

Hurricane Matthew is one of this year’s worst natural disasters. In its wake, the United States Department of Homeland Security (DHS) is creating a second, unnatural disaster by increasing the detention and deportation of Haitians, including families with children. With the loss in lives and property still being measured, this is no time to start deporting people back to Haiti.

Please take a moment to go to www.uusc.org/stophaitiandeportation to sign and send a letter to DHS Secretary Jeh Johnson urging him to:

- Restore U.S. humanitarian policy that allows Haitians seeking refuge to enter the country.
- Allow all Haitians already in the United States to stay and remain safe as the country recovers.
- Keep families together in all cases.

Option 3

UUSC calls to protect Haitians from deportation

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But what if I told you there is an additional humanitarian crisis affecting thousands of Haitians, not in Haiti but here in the United States? A new Department of Homeland Security (DHS) policy puts many Haitians at risk of deportation. On September 22, apparently in response to anti-immigrant political pressure, DHS revoked a policy that allowed survivors of the 2010 Haitian earthquake to enter and stay in the United States. Yesterday, DHS Secretary Jeh Johnson affirmed that decision, stating, “the policy has not changed in light of Hurricane Matthew.”

[Please join UUSC and act now to avert a U.S.-made disaster on the heels of the devastation wrought by Hurricane Matthew.](http://www.uusc.org/stophaitiandeportation) Sign and [a letter to DHS Secretary Jeh Johnson telling him](http://www.uusc.org/stophaitiandeportation) to reverse DHS policies that currently leave Haitians at risk of deportation at www.uusc.org/stophaitiandeportation.