

A safe haven for illegal immigrants?

Churches and synagogues across the country are taking a stand on immigrant rights by starting what's being called the New Sanctuary Movement. The effort, sparked by churches in Washington state, is in response to numerous arrests by ICE agents over the last months.

Religious leaders say the arrests have created a climate of fear and intimidation among undocumented immigrants. News 3 did some digging and so far we haven't found any churches in the valley participating in the movement. But one local religious leader says historically churches have always reached out to those in need.

"Because of the fact we do have a large number of undocumented immigrants in the valley and many of us are connected to those workers in one way or another, I'd imagine there'd be more of an openness to such a movement in this valley," Pastor Gregory Mech told News 3.

Besides Seattle, houses of faith in San Diego, Chicago and New York are also taking part in the movement.