

Rev. Tina Lang, First United Methodist Church  
Keep Families Together—National Day of Action  
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Good afternoon and welcome to First United Methodist Church.

I'm Rev. Tina Lang, one of the pastors of this congregation and we are honored to host all of you today. By way of welcome and affirmation for the efforts of this day I would like to share these words written by L. R. Knost.

"Get up off your knees. Come out of your churches, your mosques, your synagogues, and your temples. God can hear your prayers for peace, justice and hope in this broken world just fine while you're out creating peace, working for justice, and giving hope to this broken world. When are we finally going to realize that humanity is the solution to inhumanity? When will we finally understand that we are all drops of the same ocean, hurting together, healing together, hoping together? So don't just pray for hands to heal the hurting. Pray with hands that are healing the hurting. Don't just pray for arms to help the helpless. Pray with arms that are helping the helpless. Don't just pray for feet to respond to need. Pray on feet that are responding to need.

Don't just pray for someone to do something. Be someone who does something. Don't just pray for answers. Be the answer."

We are here my friends, because we know that we are the answer. We are the ones called to care for one another and we are here to speak up and act up and will continue to do so until a sense of decency and humane immigration practices have been embraced by politicians and the rest of society. We are here and many others will be joining us out there today. Please strengthen this effort and strengthen one another by sharing your gratitude with one another and with those you meet along the way. We're doing good, important work today! God bless us in this good work. Sí, se puede.