



## Praying with Your feet

Why detention & deportation are growing

How to put your faith into Action

Creating A Community Where No One Stands Alone!



## Who is Faith in Texas

**Faith in Texas is a multi-racial, multi-faith movement, that organizes congregations across social divides for economic and racial justice, with the goal of letting our faith values be represented in social justice. We develop civic leaders in 20+ congregations that serve low and moderate income people in two large urban counties — Dallas and Tarrant, as well as adjoining suburbs in Collin and Denton counties.**

# Faith Without Works Is Dead

James 2:18

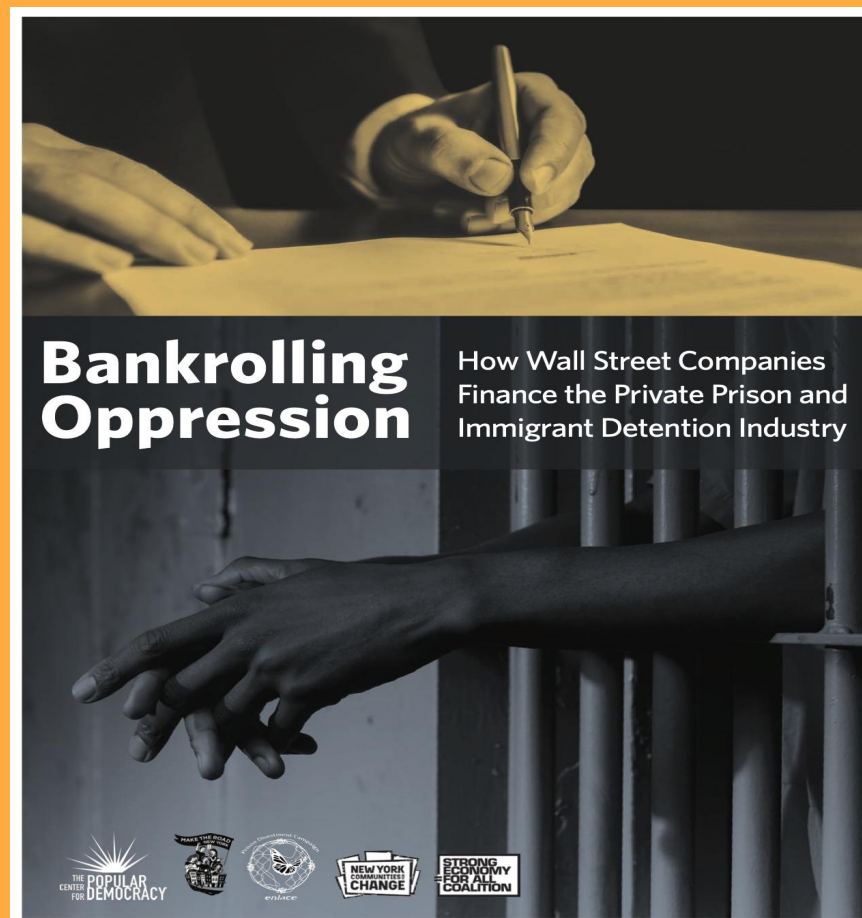
But someone will say, "You have faith, and I have works." Show me your faith without [a]your works, and I will show you my faith by [b]my works.



Congress makes decisions about how to spend our tax dollars. That money is used to fund education, healthcare, the military, roads and infrastructure, parks, and the Department of Homeland Security- which includes ICE and CBP. Congress is complicit in detentions and deportations. They bankroll the current administration's sinister vision, empower ICE/CBP with money, and pad pockets of private prisons, local jails, and military industrial complex.

## ICE and CBP's Budget for FY19

- Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) is funded at \$7.6 billion which is *\$512 million more than 2018*.
- Customs and Border Protection (CBP) received \$14.9 billion which is *\$942 million more than 2018*.
- Increased immigrant detention funding by 12%.
- Additional HSI (ICE) and CBP agents.
- Provided \$1.375 billion for the border wall.
- Combined budget of \$22.5 Billion



# More Money Means More Detention

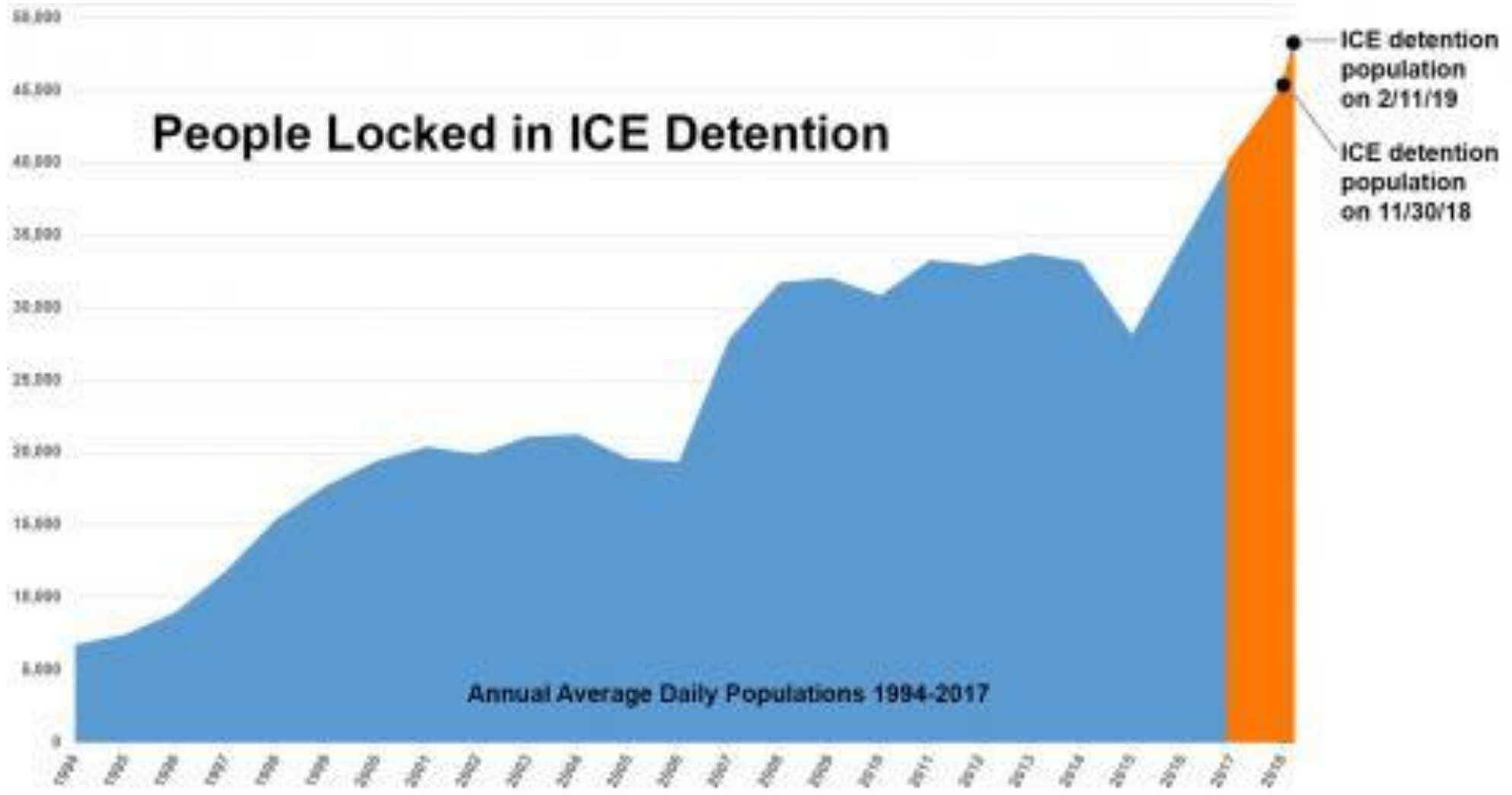
FY19 Q2 Administrative Arrests and Removals by AOR  
 FY2019 Administrative Arrest data is filtered through 5/25/2019.  
 FY2019 Removal data is filtered through 5/23/2019.

AOR	Jan-19				Feb-19				Mar-19			
	Total	Convicted Criminal	Pending Criminal Charges	Other Immigration Violators	Total	Convicted Criminal	Pending Criminal Charges	Other Immigration Violators	Total	Convicted Criminal	Pending Criminal Charges	Other Immigration Violators
<b>Total</b>	<b>12,482</b>	<b>7,477</b>	<b>778</b>	<b>4,227</b>	<b>12,376</b>	<b>7,708</b>	<b>796</b>	<b>3,872</b>	<b>12,419</b>	<b>7,731</b>	<b>773</b>	<b>3,915</b>
Alabama	1,228	710	109	409	1,228	777	109	342	1,167	686	305	176
Arkansas	118	59	27	32	111	64	29	18	124	67	27	29
Baltimore	246	128	64	54	226	118	67	41	213	109	72	32
Buffalo	128	101	14	13	104	79	5	20	113	77	11	25
Chicago	86	410	141	186	404	411	118	149	400	419	115	132
Dallas	1,459	1,023	333	61	1,464	1,088	268	77	1,361	1,006	302	53
Denver	251	170	40	41	227	148	47	36	269	199	56	14
Detroit	284	160	50	74	355	194	50	111	270	151	55	64
El Paso	196	76	56	64	277	107	84	86	324	114	82	128
Houston	978	695	224	59	834	695	204	35	933	615	274	64
Los Angeles	514	483	33	38	522	484	38	36	505	421	38	66
Miami	814	506	205	103	832	453	247	132	816	471	236	109
New Orleans	886	524	237	125	806	513	212	81	801	506	96	99
New York City	310	186	94	30	197	113	57	27	231	177	54	20
Newark	221	117	71	33	270	152	63	55	252	132	62	58
Philadelphia	376	205	85	86	304	202	50	52	340	221	72	47
Phoenix	243	117	125	101	214	205	128	111	298	172	135	91
San Antonio	503	347	116	40	443	311	71	61	406	289	96	41
San Diego	872	476	216	180	1,008	546	262	202	879	476	181	122
San Francisco	333	135	52	66	415	151	40	64	440	169	22	33
Seattle	44	141	8	35	26	130	20	20	210	109	32	69
St. Paul	229	232	86	41	373	249	100	24	344	254	40	30
Washington	332	207	100	25	349	213	87	26	366	244	92	30
Unassigned AOR	86	34	13	39	233	84	36	33	133	63	63	165
NCAFC	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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Alabama	1,232	721	218	293	961	530	172	258	1,458	888	192	278
Arkansas	71	40	11	20	80	42	19	19	61	38	13	10
Baltimore	136	80	38	18	173	105	49	19	199	92	57	59
Buffalo	139	99	11	29	131	71	14	45	143	100	6	33
Chicago	436	206	49	94	405	278	56	71	485	343	55	87
Dallas	1,305	977	309	119	1,130	1,009	123	98	1,228	977	198	153
Denver	265	163	51	51	233	143	32	58	247	170	26	49
Detroit	299	155	57	87	346	185	60	111	242	130	26	46
El Paso	182	116	91	74	1,000	1,009	98	20	1,021	1,124	94	20
Houston	1,404	924	318	162	1,357	1,020	308	129	1,402	1,124	122	56
Los Angeles	485	417	178	90	476	426	141	29	469	409	33	26
Miami	720	372	145	203	631	332	124	175	827	395	161	113
New Orleans	1,003	518	180	305	803	494	148	161	1,174	656	102	320
New York City	237	118	48	71	226	129	45	52	267	109	31	67
Newark	169	91	50	28	173	94	38	41	202	110	34	58
Philadelphia	264	167	28	69	242	163	20	59	268	176	37	53
Phoenix	2,389	1,283	766	2,208	1,130	1,194	224	343	2,660	1,627	143	970
San Antonio	267	200	39	28	229	165	37	27	287	211	36	40
San Diego	1,704	964	108	636	1,907	788	84	1,035	2,484	938	108	1,438
San Francisco	423	174	30	65	464	208	36	49	474	276	29	69
Seattle	410	189	20	201	264	142	16	106	406	202	24	180
St. Paul	234	172	43	19	215	155	34	26	318	195	71	49
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- Increased Money for Detention Beds by 12%.
- Since Trump has taken office Immigrant Detention has grown 40%
- Currently, ICE is detaining an average of over 49,000 people A DAY- it would take 650 school buses to fit all of those people.
- In Texas, Federal authorities arrested over 10,000 immigrants statewide in the first quarter of fiscal year 2019, [according to new data](https://www.ice.gov/news/releases/ice-releases-fy19-second-quarter-enforcement-data) from U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement
- [https://www.ice.gov/sites/default/files/documents/Report/2019/FY19%20Q2%20Arrests\\_Removals%20by%20AOR.pdf](https://www.ice.gov/sites/default/files/documents/Report/2019/FY19%20Q2%20Arrests_Removals%20by%20AOR.pdf)
- Dallas has deported 14,0000 people YTD through local collaboration with law enforcement.
- In the course of a year the US is on track to detain more people than fit into 6 full super bowl stadiums

# People Locked in ICE Detention



## More Deportations & Border Militarization

- **ICE agents:** There is additional funding to hire Homeland Security Investigations (HSI) agents.
- **CBP agents:** There are 600 additional Customs and Border Patrol Officers at ports of entry and the bill encourages CBP to hire another 600 agents.
- **The wall:** Trump was denied his full \$5.7 billion wall request but received \$1.375 billion for “primary pedestrian barriers” in the Rio Grande Valley.
- 24 immigrants have died in ICE custody in the current administration



# Who is Profiting?

- Annual Total = \$182 Billion (Conservative)
- 3,100 corporations (2,500 privately traded) that profit
- Private Detention Companies stocks have risen as high as 81% in the last 2 years
- **Homeland security industry** (military suppliers repurpose weapons, surveillance technologies, and vehicles) **will be worth an astounding \$107.3 billion by 2020**





## “Dear Colleague” letters

- Over 100 members of Congress have signed a letter calling for cuts in funding. [See if your member did here.](#)
- Important tactic to put pressure on Budget Committees and gain support in Congress for cutting funds for ICE & CBP.
- There were two “Dear Colleague” letters circulated by Senator Kamala Harris and Senator Kirsten Gillibrand in March 2019
- By end of March we met with MOC in local offices
  - ASK: Will they join the growing number of Members of Congress to call for cuts in funding for ICE and CBP by signing on to the letters?

# Small groups

- How are you feeling?
- What are you learning?
- How is this funding being used in your community and who is profiting?



# Our Vision

We will call on Congress to affirm a vision of inclusion, abundance and Beloved Community by divesting from:

- Systems of mass incarceration and immigrant detention
- Systems and agencies of deportation and border militarization
- And advocate that Congress invests in systems and structures that promote overall community wellbeing

**The combined budget of ICE and CBP could pay for 4 years of college at a state university for over half a million people.**

- Educate & invite allies to work towards Driver Permits
- Work towards Cite & Divert policies in Dallas county
- Ensure hard to count community get counted in the Census
- Promote voting and encourage democracy in its fullest form
- Provide accompaniment to share the journey with families going through deportation process

# Take Action - Timeline

January through February 3, 2020  
engage people to register to vote  
continue the Accompaniment program

Hold informational Forums on the Census,  
Cite & Divert & D.L regardless of immigration  
status, Research meetings, Accompaniment

Continue voter  
engagement for turnout  
for 11-3-20,  
accompaniment

**Jan 2020 -  
February 3,  
March 3, 2020**

**Early voting for  
Primaries 2-21-20 to  
2-28-20  
Election day  
Marzo 3, 2020**

**Nov 2020 - Marzo  
2021**

[Find out who is your Representative](#)

# Accompaniment

- Provide **SUPPORT** to individuals immigrants and families as they interact with immigration officials

- **WITNESS** the immigration system and share experiences of injustice with your community

- In partnership with immigrant families and leaders, use knowledge developed through witness to **ADVOCATE** for change in the immigration system and in our community



# Types of Accompaniment

- ❖ •ICE Check Ins
- ❖ •Immigration Court Appointments
- ❖ •Bond Payment
- ❖ •Immigration Court Observation

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## **Accompaniment Agreements**

Accompaniment seeks to create safe spaces with personal sharing opportunities.

- Opportunity for all to share an encounter and learn about each other more deeply.
- The congregation and family keeps Faith in Texas staff informed about Accompaniment activities, court dates, media opportunities, and issues that arise.
- Please remember, this is a life changing moment in the life of the family being accompanied treat this project with the gravity it deserves be mindful of the privacy and dignity of the family being accompanied.

# Best Practices

Family is never obligated to share their story with anyone

Be respectful of boundaries and let families set tone for engagement

Remember that you are not providing legal advice, your role is to witness

Be respectful of court officers. Again, your role is to witness and support.



# ICE Check In's

## Why?

- Families may have regular check ins and fear that they will be taken into custody
- Providing witness to what occurs at check ins
- Visible show of community support

## How?

- M-F, 8AM - 5PM
- Must have a driver's license.
- 2 - 4 hours
- You will not be able to accompany the person into the appointment unless you are a clergy member.

# Immigration Court / Bond Hearings

- People detained by federal Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) face multiple barriers.
- Immigrants do not have the right to a government-appointed attorney.
- Many people, regardless of age or capability, have to represent themselves in immigration court. Although immigration court hearings are open to the public, few people witness these proceedings.
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# Local Locations

## ICE Check Ins

U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement  
8101 N. Stemmons Fry  
Dallas, TX 75247

Individuals have check ins with ICE for a variety of reasons including after release from detention, as part of ongoing check-ins, and to respond to requests from ICE.

## Immigration Court Dates

Earle Cabell Federal Building  
1100 Commerce St  
Dallas TX 75242

In many cases waiting times are quite long, so you may need to block off several hours or an entire day.

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