

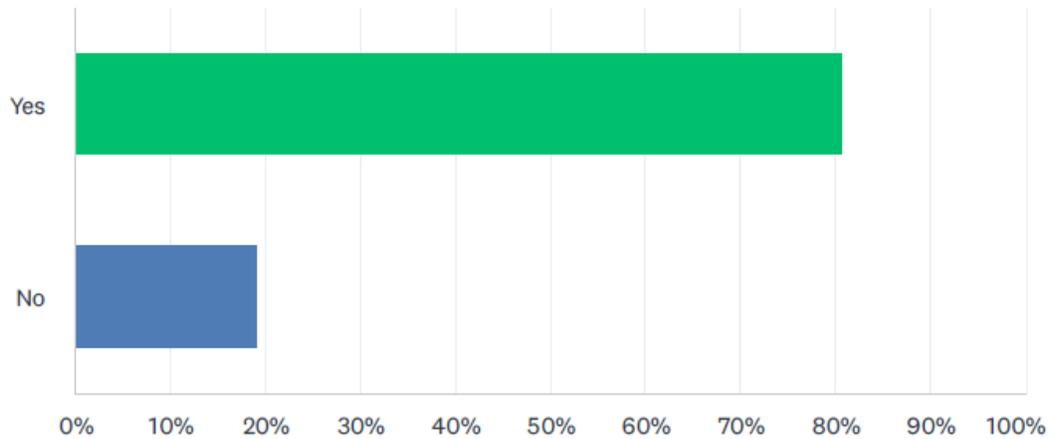
# Atlantic-Midwest Province Justice for Immigrants Survey Results

October 2023

***Thank you for your responses to our survey. Here we share excerpts that may interest you.***

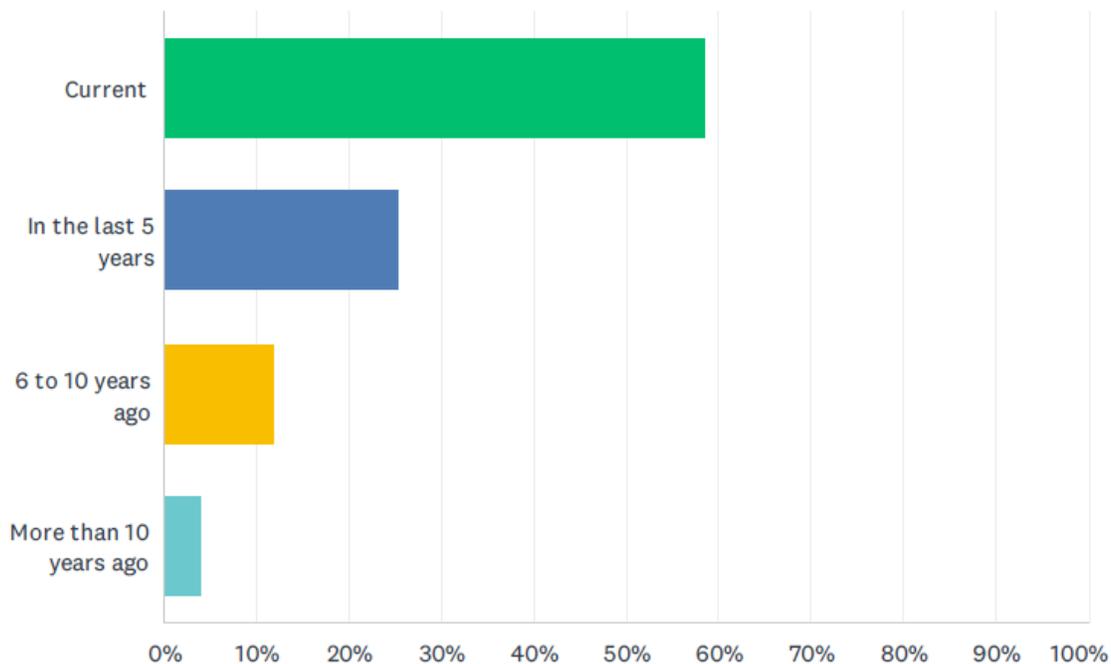
We had 94 responses. 76 of those had interacted with immigrants/migrants/asylees/refugees.

Answered: 94 Skipped: 0



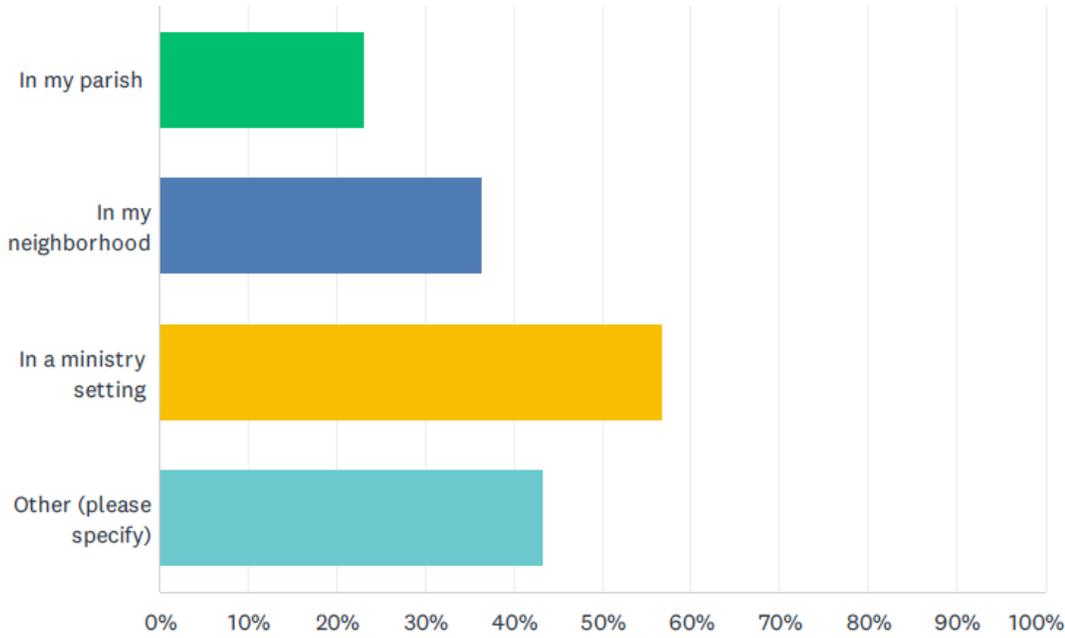
**When:** Of the 76 who have had contact with migrants, over half are currently in contact with migrants.

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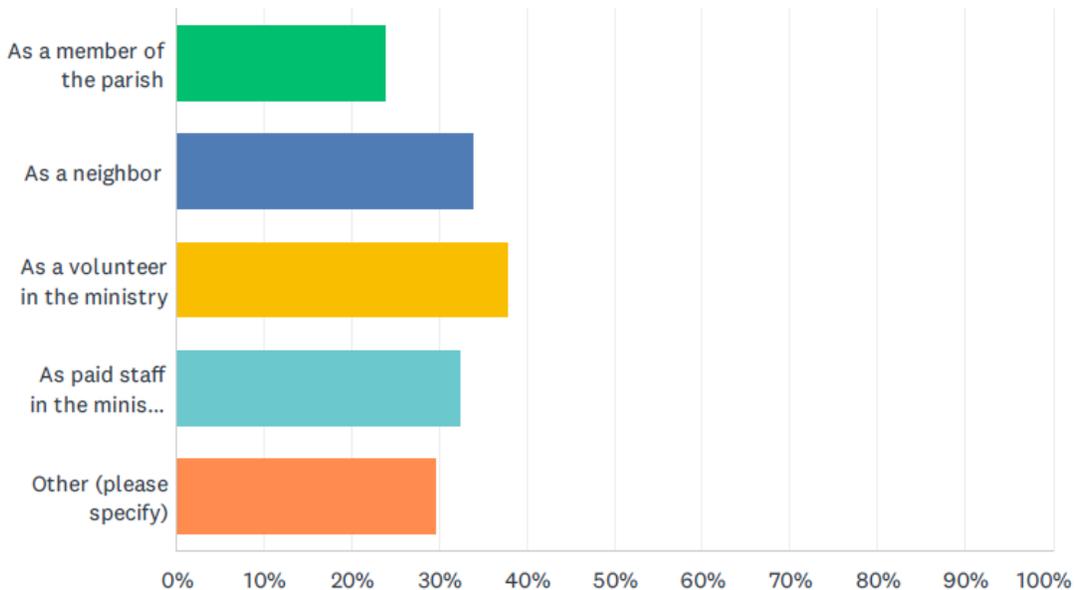
**Setting:** Over half of the interactions with migrants has been in a ministry setting, 23% in the parish and 36 % in the neighborhood. Other ways of interacting include sharing a residence, through friends or organizations, through a house cleaning service, at a school, as a speaker at an event.

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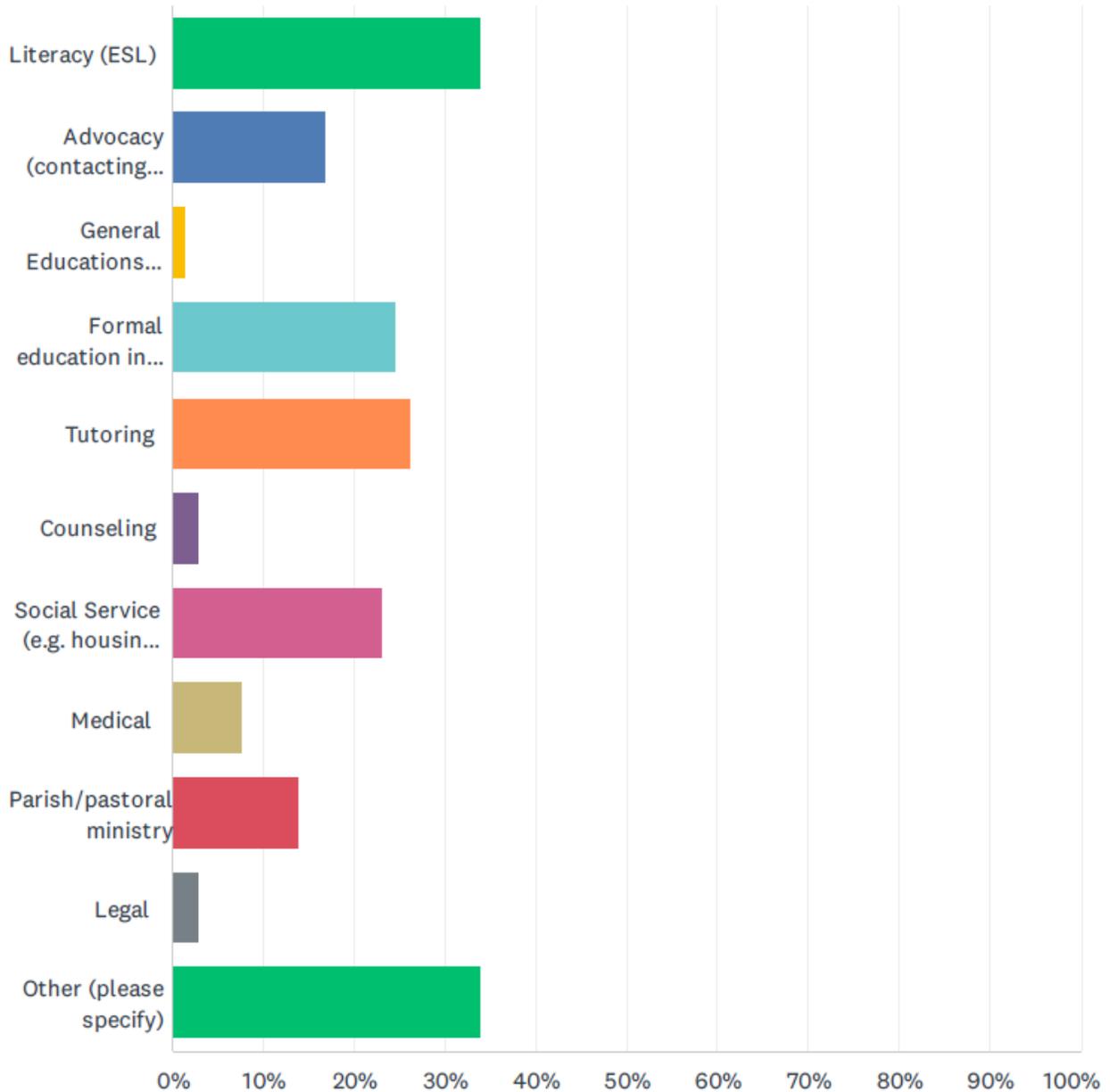
**Capacity in which these interactions occurred:** as a fellow parishioner (24%), as a neighbor (34 %), as a volunteer (38%) and as paid staff in ministry (32%). Other roles included: leadership, participant at a solidarity prayer with immigrant family, as a godparent, as a friend, as an audience member at a presentation by a migrant.

Answered: 71 Skipped: 23



**Specific ways of working with or assisting migrants:** 34% ESL, 17% advocacy (contacting gov't agencies, etc.), 25% formal education, 26% tutoring, 23% social service (housing, food pantry, clothing distribution etc.), 14% in pastoral ministry, 8% medical, 3% legal assistance, 3% counseling, 1.5% for general education diploma. Other ways included being a family mentor, working with NGOs at the UN, being a friend, extending hospitality, municipal law enforcement.

Answered: 65 Skipped: 29

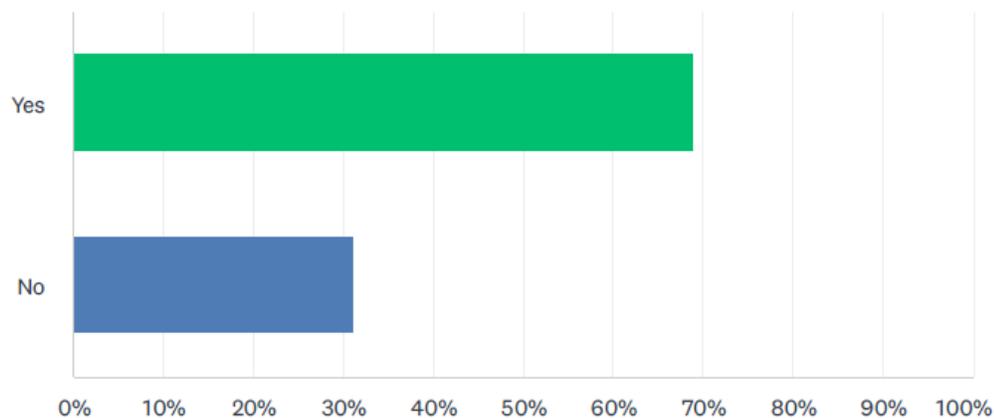


## Recommended Organizations

- Asylee Women Enterprise
- AWE
- Caroline House
- Catholic Charities - Rockville Center
- Citizens for Public Justice (Canada)
- Corazon a Corazon
- Council of Canadians
- Diocese of San Angelo, Texas.
- Archdiocese of New York especially Louisiana
- Esperanza Center
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- First Friends
- Focus of Service
- International Rescue Committee
- IRIS - Integrated Refugee & Immigrant Services
- Jesuit Refugee Service
- Kairos Canada
- Kindoo
- Laura Brown
- LCH Health & Community Services
- LCWR region 8 (IL) collaborates to staff and support Bethany House of Hospitality
- LIRS (Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Services)
- Lynn Selby
- Rochester Resettlement for Refugees under Mike Coniff
- Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish
- Sisters for Justice
- St. Matthew's Immigration Center

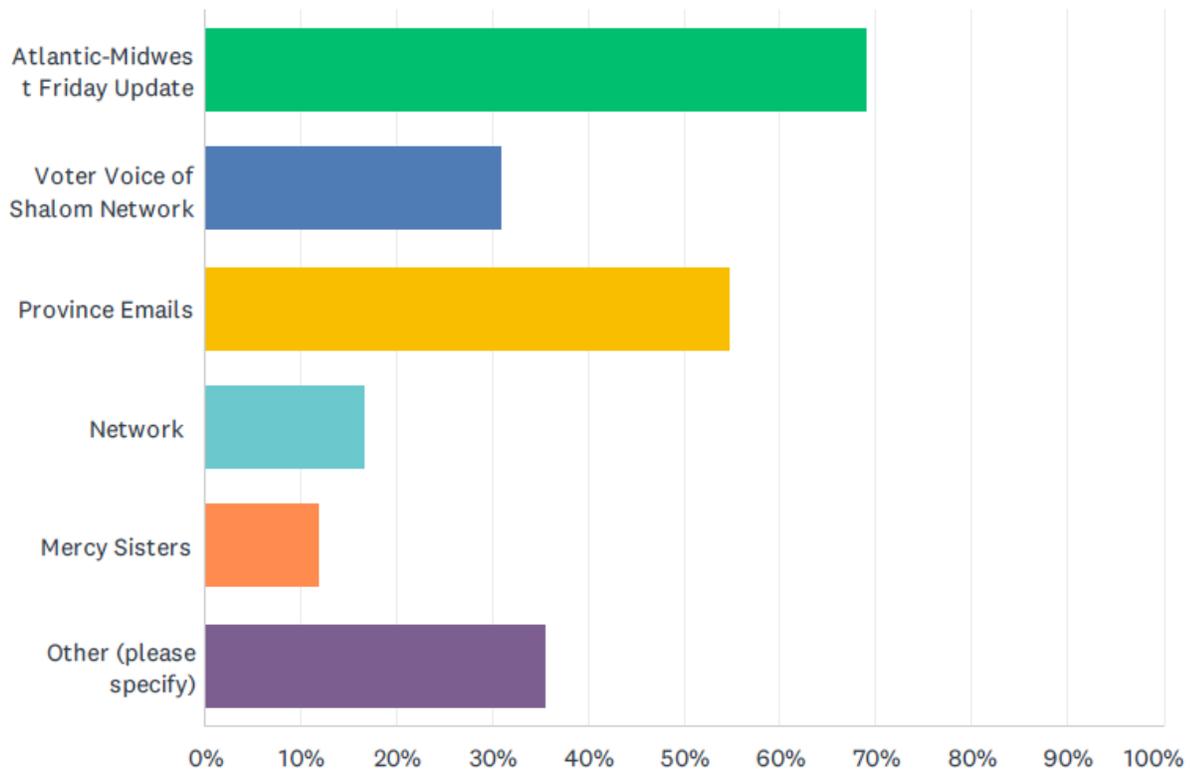
## Advocacy for better treatment of migrants in the USA or Canada?

Answered: 58 Skipped: 36



## Vehicles used for Advocacy

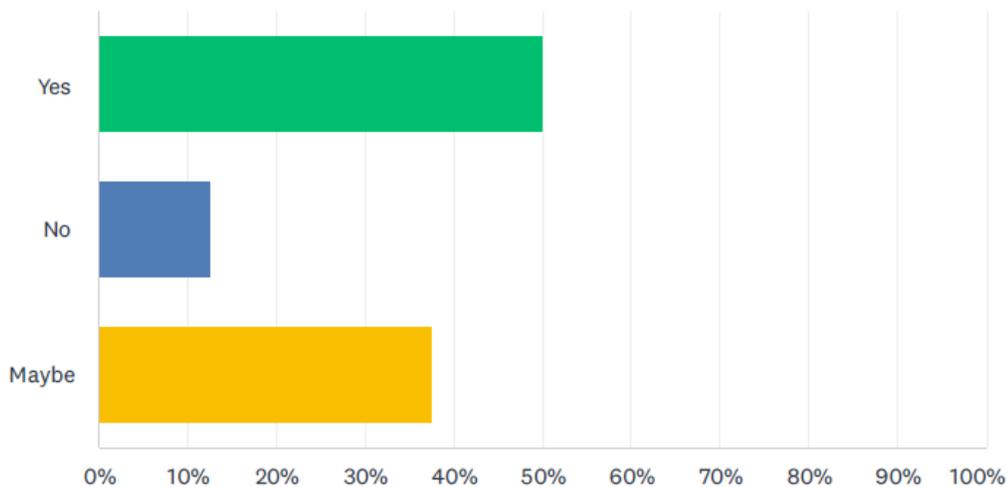
Answered: 42 Skipped: 52



**Locations of these interactions:** 20 were in Baltimore, 4 in Chicago, 5 in Florida, 3 in Hamilton, Ontario, 3 in Texas, 4 in New York, 2 in Bridgeport CT, etc. *See Addendum A for particulars.*

**Those who have had no interactions:** Of the 18 who had not had contact with immigrants / migrants / asylees / refugees, 8 would like to interact in some way and 6 are open to it.

Answered: 16 Skipped: 78



**What would be helpful for the committee to provide:**

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
A section about immigration in the Friday Update	52.70%	39
Webinars, websites, and informational resources about immigration	44.59%	33
News alerts about immigration legislation coming before congress or state legislatures	66.22%	49
Connecting with others who are working with immigrants and refugees for support in the ministry.	22.97%	17
Other (please specify)	12.16%	9
Total Respondents: 74		

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	Connecting with immigrants who may need assistance.	10/13/2023 10:57 AM
2	none	10/13/2023 10:45 AM
3	i do not need resources. i have materials for tutoring and exodus provides alot of support. I have a contact person for each family i work with	10/6/2023 4:51 PM
4	Canadian immigration	10/6/2023 2:20 PM
5	specific recommendations from the committee	10/5/2023 3:53 PM
6	assisting in border locations e.g. our Arizona/Mexico place	10/3/2023 7:13 AM
7	Occaional webinars	10/3/2023 12:54 AM
8	Join the other religious communities in IL and support Bethany House	10/2/2023 8:18 PM
9	More awareness of immigrants in our area and their needs, especially tutoring methods and avaiilabilityty	10/2/2023 8:02 PM

**Suggestions to the committee included:**

- Join CP in their corporate stance in solidarity with immigrants
- Videos for TV
- Be friendly and inviting to immigrants
- Encourage our sisters to connect with agencies offering tutoring.
- Meet the family from Ukraine living on our property. She would be a resource for sharing her experiences.
- A list of books about immigrants, past and present, and their contributions to our countries.
- Support regional efforts to collaborate with others working on immigration issues.
- Reaching out to the current sponsored ministries that work with immigrants to see how they
- Rochester's Program is a broad and very effective one in scope and in outreach. Key contacts: Coordinator Mike Coniff and the medical family supervisor. Mike (?).
- Mercy Sisters have an excellent initiation program for individuals and schools.
- A government-funded school in Fairfield, CT. Mr. Matthew Fitzsimons is the founder and CEO. (S. John Vianney here is contact at Watermark, Bridgeport.)
- Keep up the good work.
- Thank you!