

▶ Our Mission

▶ Iowa Justice for Our Neighbors (JFON) is a ministry of the Iowa Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church, welcoming immigrants into our churches and communities by providing free, high-quality immigration legal services, education, and advocacy.



# History of DACA

- ▶ June 15, 2012 – President Obama announces the creation of DACA
  - ▶ It is an Executive Order
- ▶ September 15, 2017 – President Trump rescinds DACA
- ▶ 2017 on - Multiple lawsuits are filed against President Trump, and injunctions are placed on his rescission.
  - ▶ As a result, young people who already have DACA are allowed to renew their DACA, but those who qualify but do not have it yet, are not allowed to file initial applications. Also, DACA recipients are no longer allowed to travel outside the U.S.
- ▶ May 1, 2018 – Texas and 6 other states filed suit claiming that DACA itself was illegal.

# History of DACA

- ▶ June 18, 2020 – U.S. Supreme Court rules on a group of these suits in a case often referred to as “Regents” (Department of Homeland Security et al v. Regents of the University of California et al). The Court rules that Trump’s rescission was illegal. But explained that there was a legal way to rescind DACA.
- ▶ December 4, 2020 – A Federal Court in NY ordered that DACA be fully restored to in initial form, before Trump rescinded it.
  - ▶ Anyone eligible for DACA (even initial applicants) can file. DACA applicants can apply for “advance parole” which is permission to travel outside the United States.
- ▶ January 20, 2021 – President Biden issued a memorandum preserving and fortifying DACA.
- ▶ The Texas v. Nielsen case is pending.

# DACA Today – Eligibility

1. Were under the age of 31 as of June 15, 2012;
2. Came to the United States before reaching your 16th birthday;
3. Have continuously resided in the United States since June 15, 2007, up to the present time;
4. Were physically present in the United States on June 15, 2012, and at the time of making your request for consideration of deferred action with USCIS;
5. Had no lawful status on June 15, 2012, meaning that:
  - You never had a lawful immigration status on or before June 15, 2012, or
  - Any lawful immigration status or parole that you obtained prior to June 15, 2012, had expired as of June 15, 2012;
6. Are currently in school, have graduated or obtained a certificate of completion from high school, have obtained a General Educational Development (GED) certificate, or are an honorably discharged veteran of the Coast Guard or Armed Forces of the United States; and
7. Have not been convicted of a felony, a significant misdemeanor, three or more other misdemeanors, and do not otherwise pose a threat to national security or public safety.



# DACA Today – Process

1. Application – includes Forms I-821D, I-765, and I-765WS
2. Evidence required
  - \* Evidence of age and ID (passport, or birth certificate & photo ID)
  - \* Evidence of continuous presence since 06/15/2007
  - \* Evidence of being in high school, Hi-Set, or having graduated from high school
3. Price: \$495
4. Submit to U.S. CIS

# What can you do?

- ▶ Donate money to the DACA fees fund. Go to <https://pushpay.com/g/firstunitarianchurchdesmoines?src=hpp> and select the DACA renewal fund.
- ▶ Encourage your Senators and Representatives to support:
  - ▶ Dream Act of 2021
  - ▶ American Dream and Promise Act (or the like) – Emphasize need to pay attention to TPS as well as DACA
  - ▶ SECURE Act (Safe Environment from Countries Under Repression and Emergency Act)
  - ▶ U.S. Citizenship Act
- ▶ Sign on to National Immigration Project's letter regarding the re-introduction of the American Dream and Promise Act (need to sign up by today at 5:00pm)



Ann Naffier  
Managing Attorney  
Justice For Our  
Neighbors  
P.O. Box 41006  
Des Moines, IA 50311  
515-255-9809  
[ann@iowajfon.org](mailto:ann@iowajfon.org)  
[www.iowajfon.org](http://www.iowajfon.org)