

**#LetRosaStay**



**WE  
STAND  
WITH  
ROSA**

**Who is Rosa and how is Southside Presbyterian involved in assisting her?**

Rosa Robles Loreto is a little league mom who has been living in Tucson, Arizona, since 1999. Deportation proceedings were started against her after a traffic stop and, though lacking a criminal record, she received a final order of deportation in August of 2014. She has been living in sanctuary in Southside Presbyterian Church since that final order while her lawyer, the church, and the community petition local immigration enforcement and the administration for relief from deportation.

**Why is our denomination involved?**

Second only to loving God, we are to love our neighbors as ourselves. The Presbyterian church has been supporting the sanctuary movement since its first iteration in the 1980s when the Reverend John Fife helped individuals fleeing civil war in Central America. Recently, the Reverend Gradye Parsons, Stated Clerk of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), wrote to the president of the United States in support of Rosa and other cases like hers: <http://www.pcusa.org/news/2014/9/17/letter-president-support-sanctuary-and-hope/>.

**To learn more about Rosa and to follow her story as it unfolds:**

See Rosa tell her story in this video created by the Office of the General Assembly: <https://vimeo.com/116312256>.

Follow her on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/RosaRoblesLoreto>; Twitter: @WeStandWithRosa; and Instagram: WeStandWithRosa.

**Want to know what your church can do to help?**

Find out how you can help and access a sign to use at these links:

[http://www.southsidepresbyterian.org/uploads/1/3/2/0/13209972/westandwithrosa\\_action\\_sheet.pdf](http://www.southsidepresbyterian.org/uploads/1/3/2/0/13209972/westandwithrosa_action_sheet.pdf);

[http://www.southsidepresbyterian.org/uploads/1/3/2/0/13209972/westandwithrosa\\_printable\\_sign\\_\(1\).pdf](http://www.southsidepresbyterian.org/uploads/1/3/2/0/13209972/westandwithrosa_printable_sign_(1).pdf).