How Can I Support Those Impacted by the Executive Order?

1. Join national and local organizations supporting immigrants and refugees.
   Local Decorah/Iowa groups: NE Peace & Justice’s Immigration Workgroup, Decorah Human Rights, Just Action (Luther College), Iowa Dept of Human Rights, Iowa ACLU Chapter, American Friends of Service Committee (AFSC-IA) etc.
   National: International Refugee Assistance Program (IRAP), American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU), Asian American Advancing Justice (AAAJ), National Immigration Law Center (NILC), and Mexican American Legal Defense and Education Fund (MALDEF).

2. Create a Coordinated Community Response Team (CCRT) to respond to urgent needs or requests from students, faculty, and family or community members impacted by the EO.

3. If you speak another language (Arabic, Farsi, Somali, Spanish, etc) offer your skills to organizations that are serving those impacted.

4. Share and spread the word about Immigrant and Refugee rights. Get informed by attending Know Your Rights training and share that information with others.

5. Share the refugee hotline for those impacted or detained. The toll free number for the hotline is 1-888-769-7243.

6. Make immigrants/refugees in your community feel welcome with signs and banners. Host events at your businesses, homes, schools to welcome them.

7. Open your home to those stranded, stuck or helping.

8. If someone you know or a family you know is directly impacted and in need of resources/funding, create a fundraiser.

9. Document and Share. If you witness refugees or immigrants being harassed, document and share via social media, etc. Call attention to the unjust actions.

10. Contact your representatives, state and federal, to express your opposition to proposed or current laws that have negative impact for immigrants & refugees.
Recommendations for Immigrants and Refugees

1. If you are from one of the 7 countries listed (Iran, Iraq, Libya, Somalia, Sudan, Syria and Yemen) do not leave the country unless you do not intend to return to the US.

2. If you are an international student (from one of the 7 countries listed) and you will be graduating in May 2017, get in contact with Amy Webber and Jon Lund immediately to discuss options and make appropriate arrangements.

3. If you are an international student (from one of the 7 countries listed) and you will not be graduating in May 2017, do not leave the US because at this time, it is uncertain whether you will be allowed to re-enter the US after the 90 days.

4. If you are from a predominately Muslim country, remember that it may be risky for you to travel abroad since your country could be added to the List of 7 at any time.

5. If you are have a pending application/petition for immigration benefits and you are from one of the 7 countries, your application will be placed on hold.

6. If you are from a predominately Muslim country which is not on the List of 7, you may want to file your application for immigration benefits now, in the event your country is added to the List of 7.

7. If you are a green card holder (and eligible without negative criminal history) no matter what country you were born in, you may be wish to apply for naturalization as soon as possible in order to assure that you will be able to travel abroad freely in the future.

8. If you are present in the US on temporary visa and wish to extend or change your status, do so as soon as possible as immigration laws may be changed in the future to make it more difficult for you to do so.

9. If you are undocumented, see an immigration attorney to see if there are any possibilities for you to apply for lawful status.

10. If you are undocumented, and are arrested by an Immigration Officer, refuse to sign any documents or give a statement. Instead, request a hearing before an Immigration Judge. Hire a qualified Immigration Attorney to represent you.

11. If you plan to sponsor a relative for a green card, do so immediately as the family-based categories may be severely restricted in the future.

12. If you are on a temporary working visa and wish to apply for a green card, ask your employer to sponsor you now.