

BECOMING WELCOMING COMMUNITIES

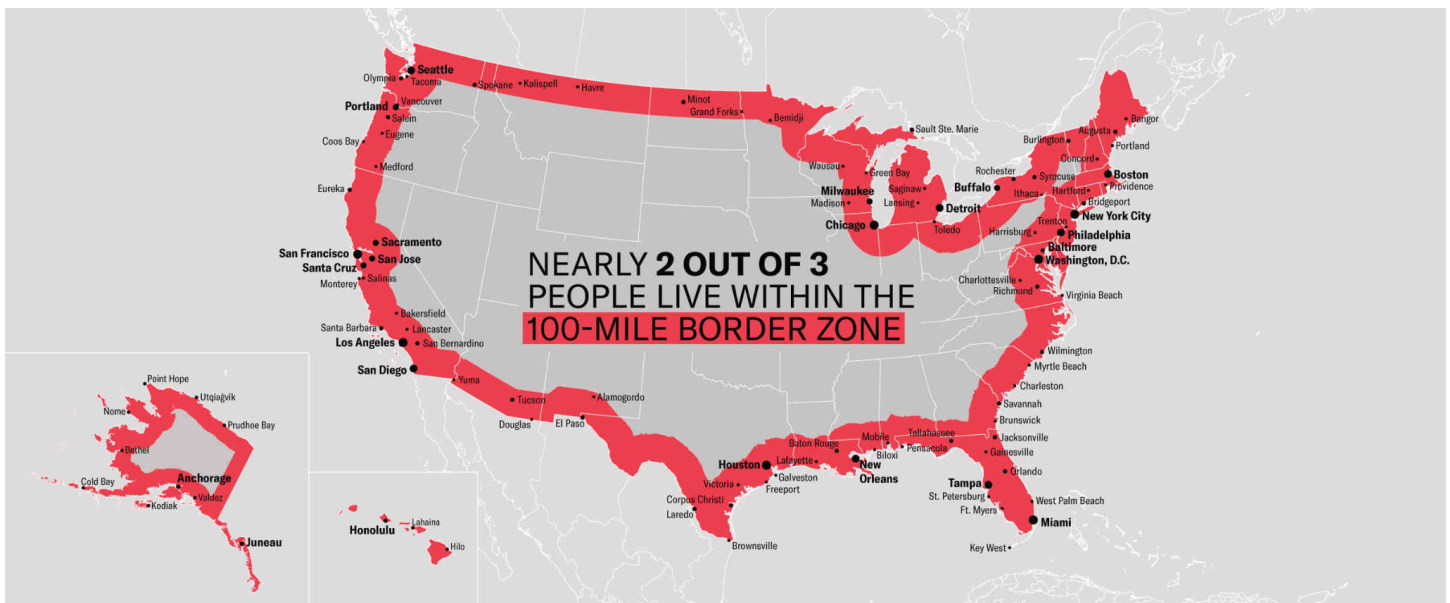
Immigration in Light of Biblical Faith:
A Study Guide for Wisconsin Congregations



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Border Zone



Though many do not realize it, most Wisconsinites live within the US Border Zone, the area within 100 miles of an international border or body of water *including the Great Lakes*.



According to 2007 population and demographic data, 4.7 million of Wisconsin's 5.6 million people lived in this area. That is 84.2% of the state's population. This matters for congregations and communities engaged in immigration justice, as the US Customs and Border Protection agency has certain powers within this region. These powers include, but are not limited to, setting up immigration checkpoints and making warrantless stops and searches. Unfortunately, many agents having to make decisions in the field are misinformed or misunderstand the extent of their powers and act beyond their authority.

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Follow the above link for more information about the legal ramifications of living in a border zone and knowing your rights and the rights of immigrants.