Get to know Umaymah Mohammad
AFSC’s work across the region is bolstered by a number of remarkable young people, including Umaymah Mohammad in Indiana. She works with AFSC’s Communities Against Islamophobia project and the Muslim Youth Collective. In this interview, Umaymah describes how she’s made the “connection between medicine and social justice and issues of injustice. I hope to enter an M.D./Ph.D. program to study what physicians can do for people facing mass systems of oppression like colonialism and racial injustice.”

Packed DC briefing on Israeli detention of Palestinian children
Jennifer Bing reports that the No Way to Treat a Child Briefing on June 25 had 58 Congressional offices present (a new record for the campaign) and a full room of over 100 people. Read more about the briefing and how you can talk to your Representative about co-sponsoring HR 4391. Check out the new Gaza Unlocked blog and get involved with AFSC’s Gaza Strawberry Survey.
at a farmer’s market near you. Stay tuned for “Palestine: Now and Then,” a new podcast starting next week featuring Jehad Abusalim of the AFSC Chicago office.

Dayton Hosts the New African Immigrants Commission Meeting
In the spirit of Welcome Dayton, immigrant advocates and public officials recently hosted African Commissioners for a listening tour. Migwe Kimemia writes: “The commissioners were well received, and most non-profit agency representatives expressed keen interest in partnering with the commission to meet the basic human needs of African immigrants and refugees in the Greater Dayton Area. The AFSC’s Ohio Immigrant Voice Program works to create a welcoming environment that fosters immigrant justice and zero tolerance for xenophobia in Ohio.”

Iowans stand up for families.

Iowans step up resistance to anti-immigrant attacks
Even in these dark times for immigrants, you know you’re making progress when the most conservative (and most popular) TV station in your area gives you coverage like this. AFSC
Iowa has been leading the way in helping communities respond to and prepare for anti-immigrant raids. We mourn the death of Manuel, a former Dreamer who was killed in Mexico, and vow to continue the work to keep families together and to abolish ICE.

Check out these photos of a recent Jericho Walk, this past weekend’s Families Belong Together rally, Erica Johnson speaking with the Interfaith Alliance, and a Poor People’s Campaign event. You can hear Sandra Sanchez’ interview on the June 25 Fallon Forum (starting at the 28:25 mark).

Help them reach the mountain top
This is the last day to help the young people involved in the #NoCopAcademy struggle in Chicago attend intensive organizing training this summer at the Highlander Center in Tennessee. Learn more about the intersectionality of this work by checking out Debbie Southorn’s interview with the BTGNC Collective.

Resist the Muslim Travel Ban
Stay active in resisting the racist, Islamophobic travel ban by checking out AFSC’s recent media release and toolkit. “We will not stand for policies that target and criminalize Muslims,” said Mary Zerkel, coordinator of AFSC’s Communities Against Islamophobia project. “We’re calling
on people across the country to join AFSC and the #NoMuslimBanEver coalition of more than 100 community groups and thousands of individuals across the country to say we will never accept a Muslim ban.”

**AFSC at Yearly Meetings**

Joshua Saleem and Brant Rosen provided a keynote address on “AFSC and the Call to Racial Justice and Justice for the Poor” at the recent Illinois Yearly Meeting. Sharon Goens-Bradley attended Northern Yearly Meeting over Memorial Day weekend and said people really appreciated AFSC’s presence there. She led a well-received workshop on reparations and restorative justice. Jon Krieg shares these photos from Great Plains YM. Among other staff and volunteers, Midwest EC member Tom Roberts from Indiana will be attending three YMs this summer. Please keep an eye out for your AFSC reps at your YM!

![Hundreds rally at the Capitol in Des Moines to Keep Families Together and #AbolishICE.](image)

**Bits and Peaces**

Offices in St. Paul and St. Louis successfully completed their recent summer AFSC Freedom Schools….Learn more about why we should abolish ICE and help our petition reach 10,000 signatures; here’s a handy toolkit….Brant Rosen joined other AFSC leaders in committing civil disobedience in DC as part of the Poor People’s Campaign….Brant also interviewed Jehad as part of the Jewish Fast for Gaza.

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