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Religious leaders denounce SB 1070 as sin, racism Southern Arizona clergy call for solidarity and resistance

TUCSON— Calling Arizona Senate Bill 1070 a racist and sinful law, area religious leaders will gather for a press conference at noon on Wednesday, April 28.

At the gathering at Southside Presbyterian Church, 317 West 23rd Street, religious leaders will call for people of faith and conscience to resist the enforcement of SB 1070.

“As people of faith we will not comply with SB1070. This is a law that is not just unconstitutional and mean-spirited, it is sinful and unjust” said The Reverend Jorge Sotelo, rector of St. Andrew’s Episcopal Church.

“We have heard the stories and witnessed the tears that recent raids and now this law have instilled in our children and the families of our congregation. We will not stand by idly. We will stand in resistance to this law and in solidarity with all of God’s children.” said The Reverend Alison Harrington, pastor of Southside Presbyterian Church.

More than 30 religious leaders representing a variety a denominational and faith traditions are expected to attend. In addition, people of faith and conscience have been invited to attend.

“On Wednesday the voice of communities of faith will be heard. Religious leaders and people of faith will stand together in solidarity with those most effected by this unjust legislation and to show resistance to the efforts that attempt to divide our communities and rip apart families,” said the Rev. John Fife, former pastor of Southside Presbyterian Church.

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