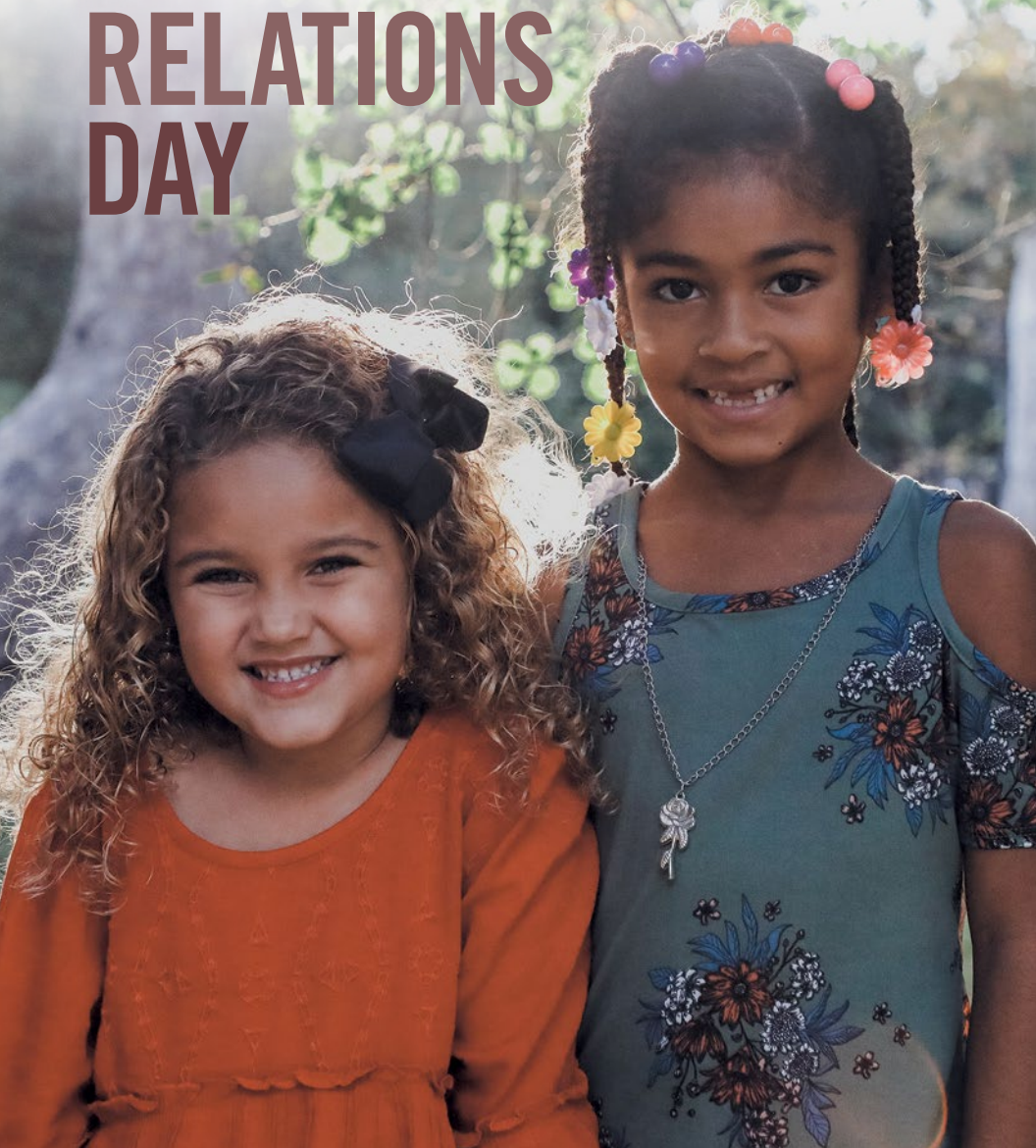


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Buena Vista United Methodist Church's slogan is "Building beloved community."

Among the programs of the Alameda, California, church is a partnership with the Interfaith Movement for Human Integrity (IM4HI) to engage in joint immigration advocacy. Members have co-sponsored "Know Your Rights" trainings, lobbied for human rights legislation and attended monthly protest vigils on behalf of incarcerated immigrants. Working with IM4HI and its East Bay affiliate enables the church to network and advocate with other congregations.

The church's immigration committee in 2016 began its accompaniment ministry and provided temporary housing to the Alva-Garcia family from Guatemala. That allowed the family to establish residency in Alameda and to welcome other family members entering the country seeking asylum.

Lynette Lee, chair of the Buena Vista Community Institute, and Alton Chinn, the immigration committee's new chair, want to increase participation and indigenous leadership in the ministry and do more to protect and support immigrants.

According to Chinn, "COVID-19 doesn't change our commitment to this ministry."

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