

# UNDERSTANDING THE IMMIGRATION REFORM DEBATE— November 2 and November 12, 2010.



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Two related events in November explore the many facets of the current lively debate on reform of our broken immigration system.

On **Tuesday, November 2**, Immigration Attorney Michael Wildes will present “But They are ILLEGAL!” This session will focus on the facts and myths of the current immigration system. Wildes will also demonstrate how practical immigration reform will not only save the U.S. millions of dollars but will actually pump even more millions into our sagging economy.

The evening will be an open dialogue. Bring your questions, objections, and confusion!

Michael Wildes is a well-known attorney in both New York and New Jersey, and was formerly Mayor of Englewood. He served on Governor Corzine’s Blue Ribbon Advisory Panel on Immigrant Policy, and is in wide demand as a speaker on immigration topics.

On **Friday, November 12**, the series continues with a presentation by Juan Pablo Morales Estrada and Kim Watson. Entitled “Welcoming the Stranger,” this lively session will use music, video, and conversation to look at the personal aspects of the current immigration debate. A native of Guatemala, Juan Pablo is a musician, forensic anthropologist, and social activist who will share his intimate knowledge of why people from countries like Guatemala come to the U.S., what happens to them and their families because of our policies, and how all our lives would be enriched if our policies were more humane. This evening will also look at the recommendations on immigration policy reform that are part of the Unitarian Universalist campaign called “Standing on the Side of Love.”

Juan Pablo will be joined on the program by his wife, Kim Watson, a botanist at the New York Botanical Garden who has done field work in Guatemala.



Kim Watson and Juan Pablo Morales Estrada

Both events are co-sponsored by the Bergen County Branch of the People’s Organization for Progress, and the Social Responsibilities Council of the Unitarian Society of Ridgewood, and will be held at the Unitarian Society of Ridgewood, 113 Cottage Place, Ridgewood, New Jersey. The seminars begin at 7:30, and are open to the public. There is no charge. For more information call 201-833-1737 or email marbwhite@aol.com.