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## Ideas to Inspire

### **POST AND SHARE YOUR ACTION SO MEMBERS OF YOUR CAMPUS COMMUNITY CAN PARTICIPATE: <http://aft.to/sanctuarycampus>**

**Letter delivery:** Get a group of faculty, students and other campus community members to deliver a letter to the school administration demanding they declare your campus a sanctuary campus. For a sample letter contact [highered@aft.org](mailto:highered@aft.org). You can also stream a Facebook Live video of you delivering the letter and reading it out loud when you get to the administration office.

**Candlelight vigil:** Organize a rally in a central part of campus with faculty, students and other campus community members and hold a candlelight vigil. You should Facebook Live the event and include a handful of speakers and someone reading your sanctuary campus letter out loud. Be sure to have volunteers walking around to collect everyone's name and contact info.

**Draw a line at the university gates:** At the school's main entrance, stand silently, sing or sit in place for 30 minutes with locked arms to demonstrate that you'll block hate from coming on campus. Read the demand letter. Also, consider drawing a chalk line around the campus perimeter.

**Hold a sit-in:** If you have previously held actions demanding administrators to declare your campus a sanctuary campus, you can use this day to escalate the pressure on them. Recruit a group of people to hold a sit-in in the administration office until you're given an answer about whether your campus will become a sanctuary campus—and if not, a reason why.

**Street theater:** Get people moving on campus! One idea we've heard is building a temporary wall on campus to show how you'll defend your community from harmful actors trying to come on campus.

**Hold a community safe-space meeting:** This can be done in addition to anything else you're planning. Work with others at your school—staff, students, faculty, etc.—and gather to talk about issues on campus and how the community can respond to them, and then lay out the vision of what a sanctuary campus means for everyone.

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