

How CBF's Immigration Injunction Protects Your Church

Not So Harmless Questions



These are types of questions someone seeking information may ask along with suggested responses:

If ANY person asks:

- Is [name] here right now?
- Do you know where [name] lives or works?
- When is [name] likely to be at this location?
- Oh, I haven't seen [name]. When were they here last?

Say: "I'm sorry I cannot help you with that."

If ANY person asks:

- What services do you provide here?
- Who usually participates in this ministry?
- Do you keep records of the people you assist?

Say: "We welcome everyone to participate in our ministry without discrimination. I'd be happy to share general information about our programs."

If ANY person asks:

- We're just here to make sure everything is safe.
Can you help us out?
- You're doing great work here.
Mind if we come in and take a look around?
- We want to ensure everyone is protected.
Do you know of anyone here who might need our help?

Say: "Thank you for your concern. I'll need to check with our point person before proceeding. Please wait here." (Contact pastor or legal counsel immediately.)

If ANY person asks:

- What would you do if you found out someone here was undocumented?
- Do you think there are any undocumented people using your services?
- How do you handle people who don't have the proper paperwork?

Say: "We focus on providing services to all without discrimination. We don't ask about or track immigration status."

If ANY person asks:

- Can you confirm this person on our list is part of your ministry?
- We have information that [name] might be here. Do you recognize them?
- Do you know who drives the [specific car] parked outside?

Say: "I'm sorry, I can't share any personal information. You'll need to speak with our legal advisor."

If ANY person asks:

- Can you give us a list of people who attended your event?
- We'd like to see your visitor log to check something."
- Do you have any records we can review quickly?"

Say: "Our records are private, and I'm unable to share them without proper authorization."