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This one-day seminar with presentations from author Karen Gonzalez and Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Services gives us a better theological understanding of being a Godly neighbor.

Wednesday,
Sept. 21, 2022,
10 am – 3 pm

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Who is My Neighbor?: Immigration and the Call to be a Beloved Community



Karen Gonzalez is a speaker, writer, immigrant advocate, and taco enthusiast.

Karen González is seeking to see and love her neighbors as God does. She is a speaker, writer, and immigrant advocate, who herself immigrated from Guatemala as a child. Karen is a former public school teacher and attended Fuller Theological Seminary, where she studied theology and missiology. For the last 11 years, she has been a non-profit professional, currently working for World Relief, an organization that serves immigrants and refugees. She wrote a book about her own immigration story and the many immigrants found in the Bible: *The God Who Sees: Immigrants, The Bible, and the Journey to Belong* (Herald Press, May 2019). Autographed copies will be available at the convocation at a special discounted price.

You can find her on Twitter and Instagram musing about theology: @_karenjgonzalez. Her writing can be found on the communal blogs: [The Mudroom](#) and [The Salt Collective](#). She is a sought-after speaker, who has written about and presented on a variety of topics, including spiritual formation, Latinx identity, race and culture, women in the church, the Enneagram, and immigration. She also has bylines in *Sojourners*, *Christianity Today*, *The Christian Century*, *Christ and Pop Culture*, and others.

Karen lives in the heart of Baltimore, Maryland, where she enjoys cooking Guatemalan food, traveling, watching baseball, playing with her nieces, and writing while her cat Scully naps beside her.

Karen will be joined by representatives from [Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Services](#) to share critical data about the status of immigrants and refugees in the current political climate of the United States.