

Every month since February 1987 the Olympia Fellowship of Reconciliation has produced one-hour TV programs on issues related to peace, social justice, economics, the environment, and nonviolence.

The Olympia FOR's program airs several times every week for the entire month on Thurston Community Television (TCTV), channel 22 for Thurston County's cable TV subscribers. You can see TCTV's schedule at [www.tctv.net](http://www.tctv.net).

You can also watch the program described below (and more than 90 of our previous interview programs and special programs at the Olympia FOR's website, [www.olympiafor.org](http://www.olympiafor.org). Simply click the TV programs link to reach [www.olympiafor.org/tv\\_programs.htm](http://www.olympiafor.org/tv_programs.htm), scroll down, and click the program you want to watch.

Many of our website's TV program listings also include a .pdf document describing the program.

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### “IMMIGRATION REFORM: CREATE FAIR SOLUTIONS”

by GLEN ANDERSON, PRODUCER AND HOST OF THIS TV SERIES

We are a nation of immigrants – and we take pride in being a nation of immigrants. Our strength as a nation comes partly from the rich diversity of our immigrant experience. Ironically, throughout our nation's history our people and our nation's laws and policies have often treated immigrants unfairly and cruelly. Especially when the economy is hurting, people tend to scapegoat immigrants.

The US's immigration system – a patchwork of inconsistent and unjust laws dating back many decades – is broken in many ways. The current laws break up families, interfere with workers and employers, hobble our economy, deny due process, and cause additional problems.

The Olympia FOR's October TCTV program informs viewers about the laws regarding immigration – and how to improve those laws for the well-being of all: legal immigrants, undocumented immigrants, family members, employers, and the general public.

Our guests are Lisa Seifert and Michael Ramos.

Lisa Seifert is a skilled attorney who has practiced immigration law for 20 years in downtown Olympia. She also is President of the Washington State Chapter of the American Immigration Lawyers Association. Lisa has been a guest on the Olympia FOR's TV program twice before regarding immigration issues.

Michael Ramos is the Executive Director of the Church Council of Greater Seattle. He has a very strong background working for a variety of social and economic justice and human rights. He has a particular passion about immigration. Michael works well with the broad interfaith community and with issue-based advocacy groups.