The Mercy & Justice Team of the Great Plains United Methodist Conference together with Justice For Our Neighbors-Nebraska, Nebraska Appleseed and Kansas Appleseed invite you to a screening of *The Second Cooler* with Director Ellin Jimmerson

Thursday, May 7th - 7pm St. Paul United Methodist Church, 5410 Corby St, Omaha, NE

Friday, May 8th - 7pm Trinity United Methodist Church, 7130 Kentwell Ln, Lincoln, NE

Saturday, May 9th
- 2:30pm Countryside United Methodist Church, 3221 SW Burlingame Rd, Topeka, KS
- 6:30pm Church of the Resurrection, 13720 Roe Blvd, Leawood, KS
The Second Cooler is a migrant justice documentary for English and Spanish speaking audiences which unravels why twelve million Latin American migrants are in the U. S. illegally and brings major implications into focus.

The Second Cooler is a documentary about illegal immigration shot primarily in Alabama, Arizona, and northern Mexico. The premise is that Arizona is the new Alabama, the epicenter of an intense struggle for migrant justice. The documentary’s purpose is to bring basic immigration issues into focus. Those issues include the impact of free trade agreements on migration, the lack of a legal way for poor Latin Americans to come to the United States, the inherent abuses of the guest worker program, the fact that many migrants are indigenous people, anti-immigrant politics, the reality of thousands of migrant deaths at the border, and an escalating ideology of the border.

The Second Cooler differs from every other documentary to date on the subject. It raises a well-focused question: “Who benefits?” from illegal migration. It has interviews with 25 undocumented migrants, including three children under the age of 12. It follows several of them throughout the film. In addition, it includes interviews with 55 professionals including historians, lawyers, clergy, labor union organizers, politicians, a Border Patrol agent, human rights advocates and others who untangle the threads of a complicated issue. When a viewer reaches the end of The Second Cooler, he or she will understand why 12 million migrants are in the United States illegally and will be able to offer an informed answer to the question, “Who benefits?”

The Second Cooler has an original score, original songs, and uses murals and other visual art extensively. It is fully subtitled in English and Spanish throughout.

The trailer for the documentary is available on the website: http://thesecondcooler.com/

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Ellin Jimmerson has an MA in Southern History from Samford University, a Ph. D. in U. S. History from the University of Houston, and a Masters of Theological Studies from Vanderbilt Divinity School with a concentration in Latin American liberation theology. She is Minister to the Community at Weatherly Heights Baptist Church in Huntsville. She writes, speaks, and preaches on the intersection of history and faith and is a prominent advocate for undocumented migrants, guest workers, and domestic laborers.

Jimmerson is the author of numerous published essays and articles. Her newspaper opinion-editorials on illegal migration include “If It Is a Sin to Cross, I Hope God Forgive Me,” Huntsville Times, December 22, 2006, “Illegal Immigration,” Mobile Press-Register, March 2, 2008, and “Open Letter to Governor Bentley, Senator Beason and Representative Hammon About HB 56,” which appeared in the Huntsville Times, the Mobile Press-Register, and the Montgomery Advertiser in the summer of 2011. One of her sermons on illegal migration is “Reflections on the Migrant Trail Walk.” You can read her opinion-editorials and sermon by going to “Writings.”

Jimmerson is a plaintiff in the case of HICA, et. al. v. the State of Alabama because of its anti-immigrant law, HB 56. The Southern Poverty Law Center represents her.

In 2010, Ellin Jimmerson was nominated for a $10,000 prize for human rights advocacy by the Abraham Lincoln Brigade Archives and the Puffin Foundation. In 2011, she won a special award for social justice by the Interfaith Mission Service, Inc.