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“Where is Cambridge From?” The Cambridge Historical Society’s 2018 Fall Symposium to Explore Immigration, Sanctuary and Identity

Free, public event at First Church Cambridge, 6:00 - 8:30 PM on Thursday, October 25

CAMBRIDGE, MA: The Cambridge Historical Society (CHS) is hosting its annual Fall Symposium on Thursday, October 25 at 6:00 PM at Margaret Jewett Hall in First Church, Cambridge, near Harvard Square. The interactive session will focus on the question of “Where is Cambridge From?”

Student storytellers and local experts will lead the audience in an exploration of how the city has approached immigration in the past and in more recent moments. The distinguished speakers are:

- Charles Sullivan, Executive Director, Cambridge Historical Commission
- Christine Elow, Cambridge Police Superintendent
- Nestor Pimienta, Harvard Divinity School and University Lutheran Church

Additional themes to be covered include:

- How have immigrants been welcomed or turned away in Cambridge?
- What does it mean for a city to offer sanctuary?

- How can we look to history to better understand our present?

Reverend Irene Monroe will moderate the conversation. A presentation by student storytellers from ENROOT will precede the panel. Audience participation and interaction is encouraged, and will be facilitated through open-ended questions and activities.

The symposium is the pinnacle of a year's events hosted by the Cambridge Historical Society around a unifying question, examined through the lens of history. The Society's 2018 history cafés, walking tours, oral histories, and other activities highlight aspects of identity, belonging and immigration in Cambridge, using the past to shed light on current-day issues.

The symposium is free and open to the public. Guests can register for the event at www.cambridgehistory.org.

About the Cambridge Historical Society:

From the American Revolution to the biotech revolution, the history of Cambridge, Massachusetts is unlike that of any other city. A city this vibrant and vital must preserve its past and learn from it to make the Cambridge of today the best it can be. Founded in 1905, the Cambridge Historical Society serves our community through inclusive programming and stewardship of its historic collections and the property entrusted to it. We enable our community to better recognize, understand, and appreciate the threads that connect yesterday, today, and tomorrow and connect us to each other and our community. For more information, please visit www.cambridgehistory.org.

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