

Comprehensive Immigration, Refugee, Migrant and Asylum Reform-APPROVED

RATIONALE: The decision to not consider domestic abuse and gang violence as grounds for asylum, will affect large numbers of Central Americans who have increasingly turned to the United States for protection. With the already more than 700 children being separated along the southwest border from adults claiming to be their parents, including the 100 children under the age of four, this anti-family and family policy will put tens of thousands of domestic violence cases in the current immigration court backlog.

WHEREAS, it will also undermine claims of women suffering violence throughout the world, including sex trafficking. It is needlessly ripping kids, toddlers, and babies away from their parents in a very inhumane way.

WHEREAS, likewise, the policies that have slashed the number of refugees entering to our country has put millions of families lives in jeopardy. Refugees do not choose to leave their homes but who are forced to flee.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Great Plains Conference of The United Methodist Church, partnering with the Church World Service through UMCOR and the faith community with our proud history of standing with the vulnerable and protecting the persecuted, we believe that we should care to live out our nation's values for compassion, hospitality, and solidarity with our fellow human beings and see and call for the end to these inhumane and vicious acts upon humanity.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Great Plains Conference of the United Methodist Church call on our fellow citizens to rescind the unchristian and inhuman death sentence for many asylum seekers trying to enter this country to escape the dangerously unstable situations in the homes they are fleeing.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that churches study the issues and respond in these or other ways:

Join the National Call-In Day Actions

Host an interfaith #WhereRtheRefugees event

Plan a visit with your member of Congress

Write op-eds and letters to the editor

Share on social media

Celebrate World Refugee Day June 20th every year

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