

Resolution Regarding Becoming a Sanctuary Church

Passed by ECMN Convention 2025

Resolved, that the 2025 Convention of The Episcopal Church in Minnesota declares The Episcopal Church in Minnesota to be a Sanctuary Church; and be it further

Resolved, that the Episcopal Church in Minnesota, as people of faith and people of conscience, pledges to renounce policies that are contrary to and inconsistent with C031, Migration with Dignity, passed by the 81st General Convention, and to support protections such as DACA; and be it further

Resolved, that each faith community, in its own context, prayerfully discerns what it means, within their context, to renounce such policies and support such protections that honor the dignity of every human being; and be it further

Resolved, that the congregations and institutions of The Episcopal Church in Minnesota consider becoming Sanctuary Congregations and Institutions, serving as places of welcome, refuge, healing, and other forms of material and pastoral support for those targeted due to immigration status or other forms of difference, and that we work alongside our friends, families, and neighbors to ensure the dignity and human rights of all people; and be it further

Resolved, that The Episcopal Church in Minnesota connect with other local and national sanctuary communities and institutions, such as The North Star Alliance, and immigrant rights groups and coalitions, and engage in education, organizing, advocacy, and direct action, as appropriate to context, to ensure the safety and security of immigrant communities; and be it further

Resolved, that The Episcopal Church in Minnesota, Immigration Caucus, continues to assist in equipping congregations, clergy, and lay leaders to engage in such work, in ways that reflect each community's local context, capacity, and discernment.