

## NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING – 2018

The Annual Meeting of the First Congregational Church of Lebanon, NH, will be held in the Parish Hall on **Sunday, February 11, 2018**, immediately following the worship service, for the purpose of:

1. The election of all officers provided for under the CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS of the church.
2. To hear the reports of all officers, committees, and organizations, as required under the CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS of the church.
3. To consider and act upon any other matters relating to the general church welfare that may properly come before this meeting, including but not limited to the following:
  - A. The Mission and Social Action Committee moves that First Congregational Church of Lebanon endorse and participate in the work of the New Hampshire Immigrant Solidarity Network. A full statement from the NHISN describing its work and commitment to solidarity is included on the following page and posted in the Parish Hall ; it may also be found in the Annual Report.

Respectfully submitted,

Brian C. Clancy, *Church Clerk*

Lebanon, NH 03766

January 22, 2018

## Proposed Resolution to Endorse the NH Immigrant Solidarity Network

*To be voted on by the FCC congregation at Annual Meeting, February 11, 2018*

The Mission and Social Action Committee moves that First Congregational Church of Lebanon endorse and participate in the work of the New Hampshire Immigrant Solidarity Network, as described in this statement from the NHISN:

*“E pluribus unum. Out of many, one.*

“This is a core statement of our identity as a nation and speaks of one of the fundamental ideals of who we are as a people; that we as a nation of immigrants seeking a better life come together and work together to forge out of our diversity and shared humanity a sense of common purpose to be a beacon of light and hope for the rest of the world. This treasured principle is anchored in our shared commitment to loving our neighbor and offering hospitality to the stranger. This is what has made our nation great. This is our strength; this is the very fabric of who we are.

“Rooted in our heritage, grounded in the fundamental precepts of our faith and practice, we come together to place ourselves in reverence before the spirit seeking assistance as we bear witness to stand in solidarity with all immigrants, with people of all color, documented and undocumented. The urgency of this moment of our nation’s history calls us, compels us to stand against the unconscionable acts of deportation by Immigration and Custom Enforcement (ICE) and the immoral expressions of racism that are currently tearing families apart and seeking to fragment and divide us as a nation.

“Therefore, we the undersigned members of the New Hampshire faith community place ourselves in solidarity with our immigrant neighbors, and join with other people of faith and practice, of all traditions, in opposing the separation of families and the tearing apart of the fabric of our community.

“Therefore, we the undersigned faith community endorse the objectives, strategies, and tactics of the New Hampshire Immigrant Solidarity Network. We hereby pledge our faith, our time, our energy, our prayers, and our resources to the Network. We will do everything in our power, along with people of conscience and good will throughout our state, to provide support, accompaniment, advocacy, and/or sanctuary in solidarity with our immigrant friends and neighbors.”