

Resolution to Endorse the NH Immigrant Solidarity Network

Adopted by the Congregation of First Congregational Church of Lebanon, February 11, 2018

At Annual Meeting on February 11, the congregation voted to accept the following resolution endorsing and participating in the work of the New Hampshire Immigrant Solidarity Network (NHISN), as proposed by the Mission and Social Action Committee. *(Note: The full resolution's original language is retained below, in order to show the deletions proposed and accepted at Annual Meeting.)*

“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 Customs Enforcement (ICE)~~ and 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, **and** 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.”