

RESOLUTION AGAINST A MUSLIM BAN

WHEREAS, Scripture tells us in Psalms 24:1, “The earth is the Lord’s and all that is in it, the world, those who live in it”, and

WHEREAS, Scripture further tells us in Leviticus 19:33-34, “When an alien resides with you in your land, you shall not oppress the alien. The alien who resides with you shall be to you as the citizen among you; you shall love the alien as yourself, for you were aliens in the land of Egypt. I am the Lord your God”, and

WHEREAS, When Jesus announced his ministry on earth he said, “The spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to preach good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor”, and

WHEREAS, the United States is a land of immigrants, who inhabited a land already occupied by Native Americans, and

WHEREAS, all of humanity is made by God and should be welcomed in this land,

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT, The South Carolina Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church condemn any and all profiling, stereotyping, persecution, and/or banning of any person based on their race, ethnicity, religion or country of origin, and

BE IT THEREFORE FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, The South Carolina Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church convey to the President of the United States, Members of Congress, Governor of South Carolina, and the General Assembly of South Carolina the Church’s desire for no person to be denied citizenship, access to federal or state resources, or be detained or incarcerated based on their race, ethnicity, religion or country of origin.

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