

A Resolution Joining the Ulster Immigrant Defense Network and Authorizing Action for Justice for Immigrants

As members of the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of the Catskills, we affirm and promote the inherent worth and dignity of every person, and justice, equity, and compassion in human relations. We understand this to mean that all immigrants, including undocumented immigrants are people of inherent worth and dignity, and should be treated with dignity, justice, and compassion.

Therefore, we support efforts to safeguard the rights and dignity of immigrants, including:

- Policies and procedures which limit the role of police officers and sheriffs in immigration enforcement at the local, county, and state level
- Protection for DACA recipients
- Work to ensure immigrants are informed of their legal rights in immigration proceedings
- Protection for immigrants from discrimination in housing, employment, and public accommodation
- Adequate translation services, especially in court proceedings
- Providing lawyers to those involved in deportation proceedings

We also oppose efforts to target immigrants for unjust treatment, including:

- Weakening or eliminating the DACA program
- Exploitation of immigrants in the workplace, such as wage theft, unsafe working conditions, and retaliation for union activity
- The use of racial and ethnic profiling in immigration enforcement and in other law enforcement
- *Extended detention of immigrants, or detention in inadequate, unsafe, or inhumane facilities*
- *Separation of immigrant children from their parents*
- Discrimination against people in the immigration system on the basis of race, ethnicity, religion, sexual orientation, and/or gender identity

To this end, in compliance with UUCC Bylaws Article IV.F, we authorize the Board of Trustees and the minister of the congregation to act on our behalf to further these commitments through any of the following means until June 30, 2021:

- Sign petitions on behalf of the congregation
- Participate or demonstrate in community events to influence public action
- Sponsor or co-sponsor events on behalf of the congregation
- Speak or testify on behalf of the congregation in public forums or legislative hearings
- Write on behalf of the congregation for public readership

In addition, we hereby join the Ulster Immigrant Defense Network as an Affiliated Congregation.