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Title: Addressing Immigrant Rights and Sanctuary

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Congregational Resolutions

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Congregational Resolution Addressing Immigrant Rights and Sanctuary

Consistent with the Unitarian Universalist principles affirming the inherent worth and dignity of every person with justice, equity, and compassion in human relations, and the goal of world community with peace, liberty, and justice for all;

Because as a faith community we have made a moral commitment to stand on the side of love and to witness against injustice; and

Because our Unitarian Universalist roots remind us of our moral responsibility to welcome and care for the immigrant, the stranger, and the most vulnerable among us; and

Because we consider the deportation of otherwise law-abiding but undocumented residents to be inhumane in many circumstances and fundamentally in conflict with our values; and

Because we oppose statements and actions which are discriminatory to immigrants and refugees; and

Because we oppose actions which have separated children from their parents and spouses from each other, violating universal human rights,

Therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of First Unitarian Universalist Church of Rochester, publicly declare our intent

to educate ourselves and our community about the issues of immigration reform and immigrant rights;

to speak out against discrimination toward any and all marginalized people;

to collaborate with immigrant groups and others advocating for just treatment; and

to assist in providing sanctuary, support, and refuge to otherwise law-abiding undocumented immigrants in cooperation with other area Sanctuary faith institutions in Rochester and elsewhere in Minnesota.



Results for the October 1, 2017 Congregational Resolution on Immigration Rights and Sanctuary are as follows.

Turnout:

250 (72%) of 348 electors [members] voted in this ballot.

Voting Results:

Option	Votes
Yes, I approve adoption of the resolution as stated above.	232 (67% of membership & 93% of members who voted)
No, I do NOT approve adoption of the above resolution.	18 (7% of members who voted)