

Sierra Pacific Synod, April 2008

Resolution 08-03 Resolution on Immigration

RESOLVED that the Sierra Pacific Synod in assembly calls its congregations to stand in faithfulness to the values of the Kingdom of God preached by Jesus in whose Spirit we are chosen to bring good news to the poor, proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free and to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor (Luke 4:18-19) by compassionate hospitality and service to newcomers and a passionate concern and advocacy for their well being; and, be it further

RESOLVED that the Sierra Pacific Synod encourage its congregations to recommit themselves to being advocates and justice-seekers in regard to refugee and immigration issues and to advocate in favor of a comprehensive and just reform of our immigration law; and, be it further

RESOLVED that the Sierra Pacific Synod invite its congregations to collaborate with Lutheran and ecumenical programs that seek to respond to the needs of immigrants and that the Synod support those programs developed by the congregations of the Synod that work for family unification and faithful hospitality towards migrants and newcomers regardless of country of origin and legal status; and, be it further

RESOLVED that the Sierra Pacific Synod urge its congregations to pray and provide pastoral-spiritual support and material support when needed, to the immigrant families that approach the church in search of assistance; and, be it further

RESOLVED that the Sierra Pacific Synod, through its Witness and Service Discipling Team, give leadership in involving congregations in refugee and immigration justice issues, including education, advocacy and local service.