

# IMMIGRATION IN THE UNITED STATES

### What does the Bible say?

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. **(Leviticus 19:33-34)**



I [Jesus] was a stranger and you welcomed me. **(Matthew 25:35b)**

Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it. **(Hebrews 13:2)**

But God has put the body together, giving greater honor to the parts that lacked it, so that there should be no division in the body, but that its parts should have equal concern for each other. If one part suffers, every part suffers with it. **(1 Corinthians 12:24b-26a)**

### What does the United Methodist Church say?

Regardless of legal status or nationality, we are all connected through Christ to one another. Paul reminds us that when “one part suffers, all the parts suffer” as well (1 Corinthians 12:26). The solidarity we share through Christ eliminates the boundaries and barriers which exclude and isolate. Therefore, the sojourners we are called to love are our brothers and sisters, mothers and fathers, sons, and daughters; indeed, they are us. **(Book of Resolution, #4271, Welcoming the Migrant to the US)**



We express our utmost concern for the passage of anti-immigrant laws, which adversely affect the well being of citizens and residents of this country as they engage in providing humanitarian aid to undocumented persons in several States. **(Book of Resolutions #4272, Faithfulness in Response to Critical Needs)**



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### What do the facts say?

- In 2022, 14.3% of the US population was foreign born (Pew Research Center)
- One-in-ten Black people in the U.S. are immigrants. The number of Black immigrants living in the country reached 4.6 million in 2019, up from roughly 800,000 in 1980 (Pew Research Center, 2022)
- Immigrants contribute and pay over 651 billion dollars in taxes to support and participate in the US economy (American immigration Council)
- 43% of recently arrived family and diversity-based immigrants are college graduate— compared to 29% native born Americans
- Beyond the staggering moral costs and far-reaching trauma of separating millions of American families, the deportation of 11 million people would impoverish many American families and create enormous social costs. Mass deportation would force a nearly \$8 trillion hit to the economy over the next 14 years and jeopardize our housing market. Further, it would take 20 years, and cost U.S. taxpayers between \$400 to \$600 billion (FWD.us)



### What do you say?

Take **ACTION** for justice...

- **Join** a rapid response team in your area to support and learn more about opportunities for engagement, partnership, and solidarity
- **Contact** your legislator utilizing any of our Action Alerts to support legislation that protects immigrants and honors their dignity
- **Support** the Immigration Law and Justice Network through donations and volunteering



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