



**58th Annual Meeting of the Convention of the  
EPISCOPAL DIOCESE OF SAN JOAQUIN  
October 27-28, 2017  
Episcopal Conference Center Oakhurst (ECCO)  
RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT IMMIGRANT MINISTRIES**

**Title:** Immigration Task Force  
**Resolution No.:** R-01-17  
**Sponsor:** Bishop, the Rev. Deacon Nancy Key, Deputation to General Convention  
**Required Vote:** Simple Majority

**RESOLVED**, that an Immigrant Task Force (the “Task Force”) be formed to further the Diocese’s ministry in 1) supporting immigrants, 2) identifying ministry partners, and 3) coordinating related activities throughout the Diocese;

**RESOLVED**, that the Task Force shall consist of no less than six (6) members consisting of at least two (2) members from each Deanery who shall be appointed by the Bishop;

**RESOLVED**, the Task Force shall support congregations in the education, discernment and response activities to support immigrants in the Diocese, shall develop deanery-specific recommendations to be reported to the 59<sup>th</sup> Convention of the Diocese of San Joaquin;

**RESOLVED**, that the Task Force shall assist in equipping congregations, clergy and lay leaders to engage in such ministry and work, appropriate to local contexts, capacity and discernment;

**RESOLVED**, that the Diocesan Council identify funds and amend the Diocesan Budget to provide financial support to the Task Force in an annual amount of not more than what Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$30,000.00) in its 2018 and 2019 budgets which shall be allocated for costs, expenses, fees, donations and grants as recommended by the Task Force and approved by the Bishop and Diocesan Council; **AND BE IT FURTHER**

**RESOLVED**, that all faith communities in the Diocese of San Joaquin shall be in consultation with the Task Force to facilitate the education and discernment of how each is called to respond to the plight of immigrants in their local communities.

**EXPLANATION:**

Holy Scripture calls us to welcome the stranger (Deuteronomy 10:19, Leviticus 19:34, Matthew 25:35), remembering that the Holy Family were immigrants in a foreign land. Furthermore, as people of faith, we are committed to seeking justice and respecting the dignity of every human being, as we covenant in our Baptismal Covenant.

The plight of immigrants is dire, with deportations threatening many in our communities. The impact is especially felt in immigrant families, with more than four million citizen children nationwide

under the age of 18 living with at least one undocumented parent. Since ancient times, Christians and others have provided hospitality to strangers. We in the diocese of San Joaquin can do no less.

**FISCAL IMPACT:** The fiscal impact will not exceed \$30,000 annually for the next two fiscal years. The funding for this diocesan support could be raised through a diocesan solicitation for the effort.

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