

Resolution Regarding Reaffirmation and Recommitment to Support the Work of Sanctuary-Sacred Resistance

- Resolved, that since the Diocese of Los Angeles voted in 2016 to become a sanctuary diocese, our government's inhospitality has deepened toward to the refugee, asylum seeker, and immigrant worker, and it has failed to adopt humane, common-sense immigration reform;
- Resolved, that no nation can have secure borders without humane, common-sense immigration laws;
- Resolved, that the Diocese reaffirms its commitment to the principle of sacred resistance to any government policies and actions that grieve Jesus Christ's heart of justice and compassion;
- Resolved, that as an institution in Southern California – close to the U.S.-Mexico border, with the Adelanto Detention Center residing within our diocesan boundaries as well as congregants and neighbors who are at risks from overly aggressive law enforcement – we have an opportunity and obligation to engage in these issues incarnationally;
- Resolved, that while every individual and institution hears the call to Christ's justice in their own way, they all do hear it;
- Therefore the 123rd Convention of the Diocese of Los Angeles calls on the Sanctuary Task Force to develop and promulgate options for involvement designed to engage the broadest possible audience in education, advocacy, service, and action on behalf of any among us who find themselves scapegoated, marginalized, or abused by the policies of our government; and, it further
- Commends all in the Diocese to engagement with these issues in whatever way their prayerful discernment leads so long as it is in keeping with the gospel commandment to love our neighbors as ourselves.

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