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Plumbline: Immigration and Migration

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“I am setting a plumbline in the midst of my people...” - Amos 7:8

Resources:

[Become an Immigrant Welcoming Community](#)

[Interfaith Immigration Coalition](#)

[Immigration Advocates Network](#)

[National Network for Immigrant and Refugee Rights](#)

[Church World Service Immigration and Refugee Program](#)

[CASA](#)

[Justice for Our Neighbors](#)

[Pew Research on Global Migration](#)

Values at Stake

[Fact: If all the world's migrants were in a single country, it would be the world's fifth most populous country.](#)

Isn't that amazing?

Global migration and immigration pose a challenge and an opportunity to the global United Methodist connection, as global economic forces, violence, and colonialism force individuals, families, and communities to cross borders and seek refuge.

MFSA works from an understanding of intersectional justice, recognizing that con-

versations about immigration and migration cannot be separated from conversations about poverty and economic justice, war and violence, and colonialism and imperialism, gender inequality and unhealthy environments- all are injustices which inform the need for upheaval and global movement.

As Christians, we seek to live out the moral imperative of welcoming the stranger (Exodus 22:21). We do this not solely because we are called to lift up the poor and the oppressed, but because the Body of Christ includes im-

migrants and refugees present in our midst. Such welcome is not for “those people,” but to our own siblings who seek to live and create flourishing families and communities.

Therefore, **MFSA supports legislation that broadens The United Methodist Church's understanding of welcoming the stranger and loving our neighbors, especially children and families as they seek a place to call home.**

Key Legislation: SUPPORT

CA 60871 : US-Mexico Border

CA 60876 : Violence Against Children in Latin American and the Caribbean

CB 60112 : Affirming Diverse Languages in The United States

CB 60535 : Rights of Immigrants

CB 60403 : Welcoming the Migrant

GM 60317 : Global Migration and the Quest for Justice