

1     **A RESOLUTION OF WITNESS CONDEMNING OUR GOVERNMENT’S ABHORRENT**  
2     **POLICY OF SEPARATING IMMIGRANT CHILDREN FROM THEIR PARENTS AT OUR**  
3     **SOUTHERN BORDER**

4             Submitted by Delegates to the 151<sup>st</sup> Annual Meeting of the Connecticut  
5                             Conference – June 6<sup>th</sup>, 2018

6     **WHEREAS** one of the *Three Great Loves* identified by the United Church of Christ  
7             is the *Love of Children*; and

8     **WHEREAS** Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them,  
9             for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these" (Matthew 19:14); and

10    **WHEREAS** we learn that “when a stranger sojourns with you in your land, you  
11            shall not do him wrong. You shall treat the stranger who sojourns with you  
12            as the native among you . . .” (Leviticus 19: 33-34); and

13    **WHEREAS** the current administration has initiated a policy of separating parents  
14            from children when families arrive seeking asylum at the southern border of  
15            our nation.

16    **THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that we, the Delegates to the 151<sup>st</sup> Annual Meeting  
17            of the Connecticut Conference, condemn in the strongest terms possible the  
18            outrageous, inhumane, and unjust treatment of those “strangers” seeking  
19            refuge at our southern border. The deliberate and cruel separation of infants  
20            and children from their parents must cease at once, and a kinder, more  
21            compassionate, and more just policy – one that reflects the “better angels”  
22            of our national nature – must take its place.

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