

**Emergency Resolution
Condemning the immigration law
SB - 1070 Arizona**

Inasmuch as the Holy Scripture commands us as the people of God to be hospitable
toward the aliens

¹⁹ And you are to love those who are aliens, for you yourselves were aliens in Egypt.
(Deuteronomy 10:19)

²² You are to have the same law for the alien and the native-born. I am the LORD your
God.' "
(Leviticus 24:22)

The National Hispanic and Bilingual Fellowship of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) meeting at its Fifteenth Assembly in Orlando, Florida (July 8-11 of 2010) resolves to condemn and declare that Arizona SB-1070 and other similar laws are unjust.

WHEREAS other states have begun to initiate anti-immigrant laws like Texas, Idaho, Florida, Pennsylvania, Utah, Missouri, North Carolina, South Carolina, Minnesota, Colorado, Rhode Island, Maryland, Ohio, Oklahoma and Georgia.

WHEREAS it forces police officers and other public safety bodies to investigate the immigration status of residents of the state of Arizona and empowers even to arrest them if the officer has "reasonable suspicion" that the person being questioned is in the country without proper documentation.

WHEREAS this law promotes racial profiling instead of a fair and equitable process.

WHEREAS the term "reasonable suspicion" can be widely used and misused, which can result in racial discrimination.

WHEREAS the Arizona immigration law is a serious constitutional problem against the fundamental rights of immigrants and all Americans as this makes them objects of racial profiling and indiscriminate searches.

WHEREAS this law is an obstacle to legalizing the status of those immigrants in our church congregations who perform extraordinary sacrificial and faithful service in underserved communities.

Be it resolved that this Assembly of the National Hispanic and Bilingual Fellowship of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in the United States and Canada:

Affirms the need for a just and comprehensive immigration reform that seeks to unite families and provide a clear path to legal residency.

Affirms that it is imperative that we change existing policies to ensure the protection of human and civil rights for all without distinction as to race, creed or religion in our country.

Requests the Regional Ministers of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) that recognize and affirm the prophetic ministry of Hispanic ministry that daily exercises its work amid a climate of fear and racial discrimination, and to submit to their Regional Boards to express in writing to the respective Senators and Representatives from their states to protest against any anti-immigration law, including a claim for a fair law that guarantees all the rights of legal residency for all immigrants.

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