

Whereas in his June 12, 2025 remarks to Diocesan Council, the Rt. Rev. John Harvey Taylor responded to the ICE raids and mobilization of federal and state troops in Los Angeles by reminding us that “everyone deserves to be treated with kindness – everyone”; and

Whereas Bishop Taylor called on The Episcopal Church to insist that “all otherwise law-abiding undocumented workers should be regularized”; and

Whereas Bishop Taylor reminded Council of its pastoral obligations: first, that we pray “for justice, fairness, nonviolence, and enlightenment”; second, that we study in order to “move beyond harsh zero-sum positions that break the backs and hearts of those who take care of our homes, work in the businesses we patronize, and care for our parents and grandparents in nursing homes and board and cares”; and third, that we “make common cause with ecumenical and interfaith organizations in in our communities”; therefore be it

Resolved, that Diocesan Council commends Bishop Taylor for his leadership on immigration policy; and be it further

Resolved, that Diocesan Council memorializes Diocesan Convention to adopt a resolution urging General Convention by way of Executive Council to adopt a policy supporting the regularization of “all otherwise law-abiding undocumented workers”; and be it further

Resolved, that Diocesan Council commits itself and commends the congregations of the diocese to work, study, and pray for a just national immigration policy that will respect the dignity of every human being.

Submitted by the Very Rev. Canon Gary Hall

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