

1 **Standing Resolution #1**

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3 **2021 OREGON-IDAHO**
4 **ANNUAL CONFERENCE**

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6 **TITLE: OREGON-IDAHO ANNUAL CONFERENCE SUPPORTS SANCTUARY FOR IMMIGRANTS**
7 **UNDOCUMENTED PERSONS AND REFUGEES**

8 **SPONSORING GROUP OR INDIVIDUAL: Peace with Justice Coordinator and OR-ID Reconciling United**
9 **Methodists**

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14 **LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY ACTION: Recommend for approval 19-0-0.**

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16 **This petition is: A renewal of an existing Standing Resolution (no or minor revisions)**

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18 **Text of the Standing Resolution as it would appear in the Conference Journal:**

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20 We encourage all of the churches and church sponsored facilities in the Oregon-Idaho Conference to
21 study the option to become a “Sanctuary” site for ~~immigrants~~ **undocumented persons** and refugees. We
22 ask these faith communities to take a stand to protect everyone who comes into their churches or
23 facilities regardless of their ~~immigrant~~ **residency** status.

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25 The community would not be required to house ~~immigrants~~ **undocumented persons** or refugees. If such
26 faith communities choose to do so, we encourage these communities to learn about protocols that
27 provide maximum safety for ~~immigrants~~ **undocumented persons**. Declaring solidarity with ~~immigrants~~
28 **undocumented persons** and refugees helps to make our communities safer and more just.

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30 **SUPPORTING INFORMATION**

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32 **What will this action accomplish?**

33 Undocumented persons are living in fear among us and often do not know where they can go where
34 they will feel welcome and safe. By offering the hospitality that Jesus told us we should provide, we will
35 be showing them compassion and respect.

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37 As it was written In Matthew 25:35 it is written, “I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was
38 thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you took me in.”

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40 **Why is it important?**

41 Undocumented persons and refugees are important members of our communities and are our
42 neighbors and friends. They need to see that we, as United Methodist Christians, live our faith and stand
43 in solidarity with those who are marginalized and live in fear.

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45 **How will it be carried out? By whom?**

46 The leadership in each church, ministry setting, district and the cabinet of the conference will prayerfully
47 consider adopting a sanctuary policy that welcomes all people and supports their human rights to live
48 among us in peace and mutual respect

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How much will it cost? Where will the money come from?

Each above-named bodies will have the responsibility of determining their response and communicating it in their community. They will be responsible for any costs associated with this work.