

RESOLUTION TO END FAMILY SEPARATION

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Whereas the United States government recently implemented a coercive “zero tolerance policy” resulting in the traumatic separation of children from immigrant parents and the subsequent incarceration of children in secretive detention centers;

Whereas several of the detention facilities are operated within the geographical boundaries of the Desert Southwest Conference;

Whereas this practice constitutes a violation of the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child, child abuse, harassment and discrimination; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, that the Desert Southwest Conference of The United Methodist Church, in the name and Spirit of Jesus Christ, shall respectfully call upon the US Department of Justice, and the Attorney General of the United States, Jeff Sessions, and Secretary Kirstjen Nielsen of the Department of Homeland Security immediately discontinue separating children from their families due to the “zero tolerance policy.”

The Conference Secretary has the ability to make editorial changes that do not change the intent of the petition