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Resolved that The Episcopal Church deplores raids carried out by the Immigration Customs Enforcement Agency (ICE) at work sites, community gatherings, and residences seeking undocumented workers, which result in separating families and leaving children parentless, and be it further

Resolved that concerted effort be made to educate all levels and sectors of the Church to the plight of refugees, immigrants and migrants, the need to offer them Christian hospitality and to continue advocacy throughout the Church on behalf of immigration legislation which adheres to the principles espoused by the Church in resolution A017 (attached) adopted by General Convention, and be it further

Resolved that The Episcopal Church encourages Episcopal clergy and lay persons to assist those seeking protection from deportation and detention by the provision of sanctuary which can include material, legal, and pastoral support, and be it further

Resolved that The Episcopal Church urges those considering such action do so **after careful consideration and consultation with local experts on the legal implications of such actions.**