

**NO. 0527**  
**(SENSE-OF-THE-ASSEMBLY)**  
**ON MINISTRY TO AND WITH UNDOCUMENTED WORKERS**  
**ADOPTED by the General Assembly**

WHEREAS, the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in the United States and Canada throughout its history, has fought for social justice and has advocated in favor of the poor and dispossessed; and

WHEREAS, the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) was partly founded by immigrant ministers such as Thomas and Alexander Campbell; and

WHEREAS, the former Immigration and Naturalization Service became part of the Department of Homeland Security, complicating the immigration processes for all foreign nationals; and

WHEREAS, there are thousands of undocumented workers in the United States, most of whom are hard working people who make important contributions to our society, pay taxes and raise children (who are largely American citizens); and

WHEREAS, our Church serves all people, including even undocumented workers; and

WHEREAS, the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) receives tithes and offerings from those members who are undocumented workers; and

WHEREAS, our denomination has immigrant ministers who are struggling to acquire ministerial licenses and religious-worker visas;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the General Assembly affirms the ministry of those congregations that serve undocumented workers and that receive them as members; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the General Assembly is in solidarity with those immigrant ministers who are struggling to secure ministerial licenses and religious worker visas; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the General Assembly calls the different expressions of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) to develop initiatives to better serve undocumented workers and to help undocumented ministers to secure ministerial licenses and religious worker visas; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) ministers, at local, regional and general levels, contact their political representatives asking them to address the plight of undocumented workers in the United States; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the General Minister and President, on behalf of our Church as a whole, write a letter to the President of the United States of America, communicating our Church's interest and ministry on behalf of undocumented workers.