

# No. 8146

## RESOLUTION CONCERNING MEETING NEEDS OF IMMIGRANTS IN OUR COMMUNITIES

### ADOPTED by the General Assembly

WHEREAS, people are continually immigrating to the United States and Canada, settling in both large and small communities across the land;

WHEREAS, many of these are refugees in need of particular support services, i.e. language instruction, counseling, social and health services, job training and aid in finding other community resources; and

WHEREAS, the Church's Lord has called it to be a "neighbor" to persons with needs;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the General Assembly of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) meeting in Anaheim, California, July 31-August 5, 1981, that each congregation be asked to make a survey of the presence of refugees, their needs, and availability of support services to meet those needs;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that where needs are not being met, the congregation facilitate the matching of services, both public and/or private, with persons in need;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that where services are lacking, the congregations consider the possibility of initiating those services from the resources of the congregation—human, material, and financial; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that congregations recognize that the above applies not only to recent immigrants, but to the needs of all persons within their communities; (~~DELETE—e.g. handicapped, aged, under-educated, under-employed, etc.~~); and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the Division of Homeland Ministries be requested through its Department of Church in Society to assist congregations in accomplishing the above through the sharing of information and facilitating resources.