

1 **A RESOLUTION OF WITNESS CONDEMNING OUR GOVERNMENT’S ABHORRENT**
2 **POLICY OF SEPARATING IMMIGRANT CHILDREN FROM THEIR PARENTS AT OUR**
3 **SOUTHERN BORDER**

4 Submitted by Delegates to the 151st Annual Meeting of the Connecticut
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6 **WHEREAS** one of the *Three Great Loves* identified by the United Church of Christ
7 is the *Love of Children*; and

8 **WHEREAS** Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them,
9 for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these" (Matthew 19:14); and

10 **WHEREAS** we learn that "when a stranger sojourns with you in your land, you
11 shall not do him wrong. You shall treat the stranger who sojourns with you
12 as the native among you . . ." (Leviticus 19: 33-34); and

13 **WHEREAS** the current administration has initiated a policy of separating parents
14 from children when families arrive seeking asylum at the southern border of
15 our nation.

16 **THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that we, the Delegates to the 151st Annual Meeting
17 of the Connecticut Conference, condemn in the strongest terms possible the
18 outrageous, inhumane, and unjust treatment of those "strangers" seeking
19 refuge at our southern border. The deliberate and cruel separation of infants
20 and children from their parents must cease at once, and a more
21 compassionate, kinder, and more just policy – one that reflects the "better
22 angels" of our national nature – must take its place.