Resolution D: Dream Faith Network

As amended; Passed

Whereas, families across this diocese are facing very real and imminent threats to their safety and survival due to increasing deportations in our communities, threats to the Temporary Protected Status (TPS) program, the elimination of Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA), and other anti-immigrant actions,

Whereas, the Presiding Bishop and the President of the House of Deputies have called us to stand with the Dreamers and do all that we can "to support them while we also work for the kind of immigration reform that truly reflects the best of our spiritual and moral values as people of faith and as citizens of the United States," (1)

Whereas, PICO (2) and PACT (3) call upon faith communities to take action, and can provide training resources; therefore be it

Resolved, That this 37th Convention of the Diocese of El Camino Real encourages all congregations willing to receive Dreamers and their families to opt-in to a Dream Faith Network.

and be it further Resolved, That this 37th Convention of the Diocese of El Camino Real authorizes the creation of a task force, appointed by the Partnership Commission, to develop a specific set of resources and partnerships and to facilitate discussions about what would be involved in the Diocese of El Camino Real becoming a Sanctuary Diocese, and to report the results back to the 38th Meeting of Convention.

EXPLANATION

This is different than a "Sanctuary Congregation" designation – it does not commit a congregation to provide physical shelter to vulnerable people. A Dream Faith Network congregation is:

- a community willing to pray with Dreamers and listen to their needs
- a community where people can get basic information about how to protect themselves from deportations (including updated information about DACA)
- a community where people can find fellowship and support

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(2) https://www.piconetwork.org/

(3) https://www.pactsj.org/