



The Episcopal Diocese
of Northern California

OFFICE OF
THE BISHOP

The Most Rev. Sean Rowe
Presiding Bishop
815 Second Avenue,
New York, NY 10017

Dear Presiding Bishop Rowe,

Greetings in Christ!

I bring you blessings from the Diocese of Northern California. I know I speak for our parishes when I share that we very much appreciate your courageous leadership in these difficult times for the nation and our church.

I am attaching a resolution passed on Saturday, November 8 at our most recent diocesan convention. It addresses the Migration with Dignity resolution passed by our last General Convention (2024-C031). The resolution urges the national church to move forward with as much haste as possible in its full implementation of the Migration with Dignity resolution. We were heartened to hear that important steps have been taken in the last few weeks to constitute the task force as called for the resolution. If there is anything else we can do to assist in the implementation of this resolution, we would be honored to be involved.

We also discussed the new "Sacred Journeys" formation program that is in development. We are in touch with the individuals developing it. We are excited about such a program and have already reached out to offer our diocese to be one part of the church which will pilot it.

Thank you so much for your leadership on behalf of migrants and refugees.

Faithfully yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in purple ink, reading "Megan", preceded by a small cross symbol.

Bishop Megan Traquair

Cc to Executive Committee



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He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor. (Lk 4:18-19)

Resolved, that as people of faith who are gathered together at the 115th Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of Northern California, we honor our baptismal covenant to seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving our neighbors as we love ourselves. We strive for justice and peace among all people and we respect the dignity of every human being. Therefore we reaffirm our support for Migration with Dignity, the immigrant justice policy adopted by the 81st General Convention of the Episcopal Church (Resolution C031); and be it further

Resolved, that acknowledging the current state of emergency for migrants and their families and the daunting challenges facing migration ministries across the Church, this body, meeting in convention, directs the Bishop of the Diocese of Northern California, The Right Reverend Megan M. Traquair to write to the presiding bishop, president of the House of Deputies and the Executive Council of the Church urging them to move forward as expeditiously as possible in the establishment of the Task Force on Migration With Dignity as called for in the Migration with Dignity resolution (C031) adopted by the 81st General Convention to: 1) inventory current assets and resources of the Church for serving and supporting migrants; 2) conduct a gap analysis to identify missing elements that could strengthen the Church's response; 3) recommend a whole-of-church strategy for supporting migrants and for information and resource sharing; and be it further

Resolved, that this letter also urges the presiding bishop, president of the House of Deputies and the Executive Council to establish an annual Migration with Dignity Sunday for The Episcopal Church during the season of Epiphany as called for in resolution C031; and be it further

Resolved, that the Episcopal Diocese of Northern California participate in the launching of a Migration with Dignity formation program such as "Sacred Journeys," to engage Episcopalians in this diocese with the plight of refugees, migrants, asylum seekers and displaced persons and encourage actions that can be undertaken to assist them and advocate on their behalf.