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DIGNITY, NOT HATE

A Call from the Episcopal Migration Caucus

October 29, 2024

We are saddened by the need to send this message: hate speech against our immigrant siblings must not be tolerated, and our Church *at every level* must denounce hate speech and violent threats and act to support migrants.

We are lay and ordained members of the Episcopal Migration Caucus, formed just before the 81st General Convention of our Church in June to advocate for [Migration With Dignity](#). We support the statements of the Rt. Rev. Kristin Uffelman White, Bishop of the Diocese of Southern Ohio, [Words Matter – Speaking Up Against Hate in Springfield](#) and the Rt. Rev. Mariann Edgar Budde, Bishop of Washington, [Dignity Versus Contempt](#). We join Bishops White's and Budde's call to oppose hate speech and violent threats with their devastating consequences for targeted populations and public officials.

We cannot be indifferent to the increasing anti-immigrant hate speech in our nation. While statements, resolutions, and prayers in support of immigrants are essential, they are not enough. Together we must act to:

- Offer help and support to newcomers in our communities as they make their way in this country.
- Affirm and spread The Episcopal Church's call to [Migration With Dignity](#) embraced by our General Convention.
- Live up to our baptismal covenant to strive for justice and peace and to respect the dignity of every human being.

Hate cannot be conquered by hate. As Bishop White urges, let us “stand strong and use the words and stories Jesus taught us. Together, we can confront this hate with love, this fear with compassion, these words of evil with the words of the Good News: that the way of Jesus is the way of God's boundless and never ceasing love.”

Let it be so.

DIGNIDAD, NO ODIO

Un llamado del Cáucus Episcopal sobre Migración

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Nos entristece la necesidad de enviar este mensaje: no se debe tolerar el discurso de odio contra nuestros hermanas y hermanos inmigrantes, y nuestra Iglesia *en todos los niveles* debe denunciar el discurso de odio y las amenazas violentas y actuar para apoyar a los migrantes.

Somos miembros laicos y ordenados del Caucus Episcopal de Migración, formado antes de la 81st Convención General de nuestra Iglesia en junio para defender la [Migración con Dignidad](#). Apoyamos las declaraciones de la Reverenda Kristin Uffelman White, Obispa de la Diócesis del Sur de Ohio, [Nuestras palabras importan: Alzar la voz contra el odio en Springfield](#) y la Reverenda Mariann Edgar Budde, Obispa de Washington, [Dignidad Versus El Desprecio](#). Nos unimos al llamado de las Obispas White y Budde para oponernos al discurso de odio y las amenazas violentas con sus consecuencias devastadoras para las poblaciones y los funcionarios públicos afectados.

No podemos ser indiferentes al creciente discurso de odio antiinmigrante en nuestra nación. Si bien las declaraciones, resoluciones y oraciones en apoyo de los inmigrantes son esenciales, no son suficientes. Juntos debemos actuar para:

- Ofrecer ayuda y apoyo a los recién llegados a nuestras comunidades mientras se abren camino en este país.
- Afirmar y difundir el llamado de la Iglesia Episcopal a la Migración con Dignidad adoptado por nuestra Convención General.
- Vivir de acuerdo con nuestro pacto bautismal de luchar por la justicia y la paz y de respetar la dignidad de cada ser humano.

El odio no se puede vencer con odio. Como insta el Obispa White, “debemos mantenernos firmes y usar las palabras y las historias que Jesús nos enseñó. Juntos, podemos enfrentar este odio con amor, este miedo con compasión, estas palabras de maldad con las palabras de la Buena Nueva: que el camino de Jesús es el camino del amor infinito y eterno de Dios.”

Que así sea.

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- Endorse the ‘Dignity, Not Hate’ statement by completing this form:
<https://forms.gle/wXPX3t4ZmsXSzhtB7>
- Share the “Dignity, Not Hate” statement widely in your diocese, congregation, personal network, and social media. The most updated version can be found here:
https://docs.google.com/document/d/1AOCz8yQfXL82kDQ4BuUCVK5oh_mtAmx2SHOjA5d5FCw/edit?usp=sharing
- Use the statement to guide letters to the editor, advocacy with local officials, sermons, and Election Day actions and gatherings.
- If you are Episcopalian, get involved in the Episcopal Migration Caucus! We are a grassroots group of lay and ordained Episcopalians advocating for migration with dignity in the Episcopal Church and beyond, through the church’s legislative process and through public advocacy. Email us at episcopalmigrationcaucus@gmail.com to receive meeting announcements and links and/or join our private Facebook group:
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/3537184523250227>.
- Visit the Episcopal Migration Ministries website and social media pages for additional resources and get involved with the Episcopal Migration Response Network:
<https://episcopalmigrationministries.org/>
<https://episcopalmigrationministries.org/ministrynetwork/>
- Use this prayer in private and public worship:
<https://episcopalmigrationministries.org/wp-content/uploads/EMM-Prayer-Downloadable-PDF-1.pdf>