



## **RESOLUTION CONCERNING REFUGEES**

WHEREAS, our Christian heritage continues the Jewish commandments expressed in Deuteronomy 6:4-5 and Leviticus 19:18 to “Love God with all your heart.... and love your neighbor as yourself;” and

WHEREAS, other scripture has defined our neighbor as all of humanity; and

WHEREAS, these imperatives have been embedded in our national polity via our founding documents and governing policies; and

WHEREAS, in light of the global refugee situation, we acknowledge that, as the “body of Christ”, we must respond in alignment with those imperatives.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

1. The North Alabama Conference Justice and Advocacy Committee in conjunction with the Office of Communication generate an information packet that can be used by our churches to better understand the resettlement process.
2. The information provided must at a minimum:
  - a. Provide information describing the vetting process
  - b. What is the U.S. Department of State “Refugee Admissions Reception and Replacement Program” and what agencies are certified to provide the required services?
  - c. How does a community become involved in the resettlement process and what are the prerequisites?
3. Congregations, ecumenical and interfaith, are currently developing the above information.
4. Using the above information, each district superintendent organize and conduct workshops to inform their churches and report the results to the North Alabama Conference Coordinating Council.

*Submitted by Justice and Advocacy Team of the North Alabama Conference*

***The Committee votes yes and encourages the Annual Conference to support this resolution.***