

RESOLUTION 5 AS AMENDED AND ADOPTED BY THE 186th CONVENTION OF THE EPISCOPAL DIOCESE OF ALABAMA

To: Committee on Resolutions

Sponsor: Trinity Episcopal Church, Clanton, Al.

**Topic:** Urging the Episcopal Diocese of Alabama and member Parishes to seek establishment of resettlement communities for refugees and immigrants in Alabama.

1 Be it resolved that the 186th Convention of the Diocese of Alabama affirms resolution 217a of the 1948

2 General Assembly of the United Nations entitled *Universal Declaration of Human Rights that*

3 *establishes recognition of the inherent dignity and of the equal and inalienable rights of all members of*

4 *the human family is the foundation of freedom, justice and peace in the world*

5 Be it further resolved by this 186th convention of the diocese of Alabama to reaffirm resolution number

6 eleven of the 181st Convention of the Diocese of Alabama that *affirms the mandate of the Gospel of*

7 *Jesus Christ that the Church be no respecter of persons but serve all our neighbors whoever they are*

8 *and wherever we find them*

9 Be it further resolved by this 186th convention of the Diocese of Alabama that we urge the Diocese of

10 Alabama and all its parishes, under the leadership of the Bishop, and in partnership with other faith

11 communities, to establish resettlement communities for refugees and immigrants in the State of

12 Alabama and provide financial support for these communities. [and community organizations to offer](#)

[hospitality for refugees, migrants and immigrants in the state of Alabama and offer resources as needed.](#)

**Background**

Reminding all those who read this, the theme of this 186th Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of Alabama is Telling the Story of God's Love for all People, otherwise known as Evangelism, and the core of this story is the bidding of Christ as presented by the evangelist Matthew to feed the hungry, give drink to the thirsty, welcome the stranger, clothe the naked, care for the sick, and visit the imprisoned, and recognizing that we are now, as we always have been a nation, and state of mixed immigrants of many faiths and creeds from many places, and recognizing the promised political threat by our federal and state governments to the strangers among us who are displaced because of hunger, thirst, famine, genocide, and other threats to the life and dignity of persons and recognizing this direct political threat is based simply on the place of birth and/or religion. Our adjoining Dioceses of North Georgia and Tennessee have already stepped forward to establish resettlement communities. To date, 450 houses of worship of many faiths and denominations in the United States have offered to provide sanctuary or other assistance to immigrants across the nation. Here is an opportunity for The Diocese of Alabama to step forward from a "grass roots" level to put feet to our faith.