



Greetings from PSEI Moderator

As you may know, our PCUSA denomination has expressed opposition to the current Immigration and Custom Enforcement (ICE) detention practices.

These concerns include:

- Protection of those in sacred places such as churches
- Religious and moral opposition – emphasizing the Christian duty to recognize Jesus in the faces of the marginalized, and to welcome strangers
- Call for change – to change the hearts of those currently in charge to reconsider the actions that violate the individual's civil rights and the right to legal due process.

Our faith calls for us to stand with our brothers and sisters in Christ who are victims of the government's over-reach. We are calling for all to exercise our freedom of conscience to discern how God is calling us individually to respond.

This faith response is rooted in both Old and New Testament scriptures:

“When a stranger sojourns with you in your land, you shall do no harm. You shall treat the stranger who sojourns with you as the native among you, and you shall love him as yourself as you were strangers in the land of Egypt. I am the Lord your God.” Leviticus 19:33-34

“You shall love the Lord God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and your neighbor as yourself.” Luke 10:27

“Which of these three is your neighbor...The one who showed him mercy. Jesus said Go and do likewise.” Luke 10: 36-37

In Christ's peace,

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