

ATTACHMENT A - RESOLUTION ON REFUGEES

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Resolution on Suspension of Syrian Refugee Resettlement

Whereas the President of the United States, by Executive Order on January 27th, 2017 has indefinitely suspended persons from Syria, including previously vetted refugees, from entry into the United States, which further harms those who are victims of terrorism, genocide, religious and gender-based persecution, and civil war; and

Whereas God commands us in scripture to welcome the stranger and give safe haven to the refugee, as found in Exodus 22:21, Leviticus 19:33-34, Deuteronomy 10:18-19, Matthew 25:31-46 and elsewhere; and

Whereas the people of Israel were aliens in the lands of Egypt and Babylon; and

Whereas Jesus himself, with his family, began life as a refugee; and

Whereas the Presbytery of Lake Huron has given support to the resettlement of refugees in our bounds through the Tri-cities Refugee Resettlement Task Force;

Be it therefore resolved that the Presbytery of Lake Huron, of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), meeting on this 7th day of March 2017:

- bears witness to the biblical faith that commands us to treat strangers and aliens with justice and compassion;
- reaffirms its commitment to extending compassion and hospitality to refugees;
- opposes any policy that discriminates against refugees by nationality, color, or religion as contrary to our faith and our national values;
- and urges the President to rescind the Executive Order indefinitely suspending the resettlement of Syrian refugees, and to restore the values of compassion and hospitality essential to our identity and integrity as a nation.