

# Who is my neighbor?

## Immigration policy – biblical teachings and church position

*Resolved*, the House of Bishops concurring, That the 77th General Convention call for a halt to the U.S. Immigration and Custom Enforcement's Secure Communities program (in which local jurisdictions send fingerprints of detainees suspected of immigration violations to federal authorities), which in practice leads to lengthy detention at the public expense of unrepresented immigrants who have no serious charges pending against them, and effectively discourages

*Let mutual love continue. Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it.*

– Hebrews 13: 1-2

## The Good Samaritan

– Luke 10:25-37

Just then a lawyer stood up to test Jesus. 'Teacher,' he said, 'what must I do to inherit eternal life?' He said to him, 'What is written in the law? What do you read there?' He answered, 'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all you mind; and your neighbors as yourself.' And he said to him, 'You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live.'

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**“And who is my neighbor?”** Jesus replied, ‘A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and went away, leaving him half dead. Now by chance a priest was going down that road; and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side.

So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan while traveling came near him; and when he saw him, he was moved with pity. He went to him and bandaged his wounds, having poured oil and wine on them. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, “Take care of him; and when I come back, I will repay you whatever you spend.” Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?’ He said, ‘The one who showed him mercy.’ Jesus said to him, ‘Go and do likewise.’

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*Resolved, the House of Bishops concur and call for a halt to the U.S. Immigration Communities program (in which local jurisdictions suspected of immigration violations to leads to lengthy detention at the public who have no serious charges pending against victims of various crimes, such as domestic violence and he it further*

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***When an alien resides with you in your land,  
you shall not oppress the alien. The alien who resides with you  
shall be to you as the citizen among you; you shall love the alien as  
yourself, for you were aliens in the land of Egypt:***

***I am the Lord your God.***

– Leviticus 19:33-34