

1 **Resolution Opposing Separation of Immigrant Children from their Parents**

2
3 **Fiscal Impact: None**

4
5 *Submitted by Conference Committee on Reconciliation*
6 *12 CCOR members were asked to vote via email*
7 *5 yes; 0 no; 0 abstentions*
8

9 **WHEREAS**, the U.S. Department of Justice is separating immigrant children from their
10 parents at the border as a result of a so-called zero tolerance policy; and

11 **WHEREAS**, the United Methodist Church has a longstanding history of keeping
12 immigrant and refugee families together; and

13 **WHEREAS**, immigrant children who are separated from their parent(s) are caused
14 irreparable psychological, emotional, and physical harm.

15 **THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:**

- 16 1. The California-Nevada Annual Conference vigorously opposes this practice and
17 requests that the Conference Secretary write a letter to the Attorney General of
18 the United States strongly requesting he end this practice of the separation of
19 children from their parents resulting in frightened and isolated children being
20 held in detention; and
21
22 2. The California- Nevada Annual Conference urges its members to write their
23 congressional representatives; to use all other avenues of social media and
24 action to highlight this immoral, inhumane, and unchristian practice; and to
25 demand that it be ended.

26