

**Emergency Resolution of Solidarity with Immigrants and the SWCUCC**  
The Central Pacific Conference of the United Church of Christ May 10, 2010

1 Whereas we are a people of faith who affirm and live by the biblical imperative, "When a migrant resides  
2 with you in your land, you shall not oppress the migrant. The migrant who resides with you shall be to you  
3 as the citizen among you; you shall love the migrant as yourself, for you were migrants in the land of Egypt:  
4 I am your God." (Leviticus 19:33-34), and  
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6 Whereas we are profoundly disturbed by the passage of SB1070, the harshest anti-immigrant legislation in  
7 the country, by the Arizona Legislature. This legislation codifies racial profiling and creates an atmosphere  
8 of suspicion, hatred, and scapegoating of immigrants and U.S citizens, and  
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10 Whereas Senate Bill 1070 would require law enforcement officials in the state of Arizona to investigate  
11 someone's immigration status if there is "reasonable suspicion" that the person might be undocumented.  
12 Those without identification papers, even if they are legal, are subject to arrest. A person can also be  
13 arrested if he or she is stopped and is simply with people who are undocumented — even if they are that  
14 person's family. Parents or children of "mixed-status families" (made up of legal and undocumented, as  
15 many immigrant families are in Arizona, as in our own state) could be arrested if they are found together. A  
16 person can be arrested if he or she is "transporting or harboring" undocumented people. Some might  
17 consider driving immigrant families to and from church or a doctor's appointment to be Christian ministry —  
18 but it will now be illegal in Arizona, and  
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20 Whereas on April 24, 2010, the Southwest Conference of the UCC gathered at their Annual Meeting in  
21 Sedona, AZ passed a resolution calling for non-compliance with SB1070. They have called upon other  
22 conferences and associations of the UCC to pass resolutions and take actions in solidarity with them and  
23 our immigrant sisters and brothers.  
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25 Therefore we are dedicated to the following actions to demonstrate our solidarity and commitment to our  
26 immigrant brothers and sisters who are created equally in the image of God regardless of race, nationality  
27 or immigration status.  
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29 Therefore be it resolved, that the Central Pacific Conference (CPC) of the United Church of Christ (UCC)  
30 stands in solidarity with the Southwest Conference (SWC) of the UCC and our immigrant sisters and  
31 brothers in Arizona and call upon all members and congregations in the CPC to sign the pledge of non-  
32 compliance with SB 1070 ([www.1070ipledge.net](http://www.1070ipledge.net));  
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34 Be it further resolved that the CPC support the SWC call for an economic boycott of Arizona until SB 1070  
35 is repealed; calling on all CPC members to use their influence with businesses, professional organizations  
36 and other organizations to relocate any and all meetings or conferences to be held in Arizona and to not  
37 make any purchase or contract with firms who are headquartered in Arizona;  
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39 Be it further resolved that the CPC call its members to Direct action of prayer, study, protests, and if desired,  
40 civil disobedience for immigrant rights, and that the CPC will mobilize our congregations for just and fair  
41 Comprehensive Immigration Reform.  
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43 Cost analysis: there are no foreseeable direct costs to the CPC by this action. Individual congregations  
44 may incur costs based on their particular actions.  
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46 As people of faith and conscience rooted in the teachings of Jesus Christ, we hold to our UCC Statement of  
47 Affirmation of faith, in declaring, "You call us into your church...to be your servants in the service of others,  
48 to proclaim the gospel to all the world and resist the powers of evil."  
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