

UNITED METHODIST PRINCIPLES

GENERAL BOARD OF CHURCH AND SOCIETY

ON COMPREHENSIVE IMMIGRATION REFORM

The General Board of Church and Society of the United Methodist Church is advocating for comprehensive immigration reform that must:

- 1) **Provide a Path to Citizenship:** Opportunities with minimal obstacles should be provided for all those who want to settle in the United States and become eligible for citizenship.
- 2) **Protect Workers:** The nation needs to increase the number of visas for new workers that adequately protects the wages and working conditions of U.S. and immigrant workers and provides a path to citizenship for those who desire to remain.
- 3) **Reunite Families:** One of the driving factors of immigration, as well as America's most cherished values is family unity. Family backlogs should be cleared and those separated by migration and detainment should be reunited.
- 4) **Have Enforcement Policies that are Humane:** The borders will only be secured through comprehensive reform, which includes a path to citizenship for all immigrants, the protection of the rights of workers, and the reunification of families separated by migration. Enforcement should be aimed at eliminating exploitation and trafficking, while upholding the civil liberties and human rights of all immigrants.

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