



Episcopal Church  
in Minnesota

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To Whom it May Concern:

I find meaning and guidance in the Episcopal Church in Minnesota's historical and biblical roots. Dating back to the first Bishop of Minnesota, Henry Benjamin Whipple, these biblical roots expressed themselves as advocacy for those who lacked a voice in the political process.

I also understand that, besides my native brothers and sisters, we are all immigrants and strangers in this land. And as people of faith, I believe that we are called to care for the stranger. It is the testament of our faith in Christ, who was himself born in a foreign land.

I will continue to support our faith communities in the work they do alongside other denominations and organizations to provide respite and future hope for those who have been the recipients of the worst injustice that this world has to offer. And I will continue to call our leaders in government to policies that promote fairness and justice for all.

The Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church has made a statement about this as well, and you can find that here: <http://episcopaldigitalnetwork.com/ens/2017/01/25/presiding-bishop-other-episcopal-leaders-call-on-trump-to-maintain-refugee-resettlement-efforts/>

Blessings,

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