



Albany Presbytery, 1915 5th Avenue, Troy, NY 12180

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Resolution for Protection and Hospitality for Syrian Refugees

We, on behalf of the 64 congregations and more than 6,000 members of Albany Presbytery, affirm our commitment as followers of Jesus Christ to share the love of strangers and care for the vulnerable. Remembering that Jesus as a child was a refugee and as an adult welcomed strangers, we seek to provide safe refuge and hospitality to those fleeing war in Syria.

We call upon our neighbors in New York State and our fellow citizens in the United States to join us in seeking to protect and sustain Syrian refugees.

We call upon our state and national leaders to remember our nation's commitment to inclusion and choose justice over fear in responding to those affected by the Syrian war.

We commend Governor Andrew Cuomo for his recent statements regarding the dignity of the Syrian children, women, and men seeking a safe haven in New York State, the state that literally lifts the torch of hope for those who seek safety and yearn to be free.

The Presbytery of Albany directs the Presbytery Moderator to send the Resolution for the Protection and Hospitality for Syrian Refugees to Governor Cuomo, our members of Congress, President Obama, and our regional media outlets.