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To the church:

As Community of Christ, our desire to bring about God’s peace is grounded in our beliefs in Unity in Diversity, Blessings of Community, and Worth of All Persons.

We stand with other faith movements, including the National Council of Churches, in support of our brothers and sisters who have been affected by the temporary US ban on immigration from identified nations.

The words in Doctrine and Covenants 163:4a calls us to hear and respond, “God, the Eternal Creator, weeps for the poor, displaced, mistreated, and diseased of the world because of their unnecessary suffering. Such conditions are not God’s will. Open your ears to hear the pleading of mothers and fathers in all nations who desperately seek a future of hope for their children. Do not turn away from them. For in their welfare resides your welfare.”

World Conference Resolution 1311 states, “Community of Christ specifically declares its belief in the love of God for Muslims and Jews, and we denounce all Islamophobia and anti-Semitism…”

Our Statement on Immigration guides the church in how to respond to the needs of people who seek refuge for the safety and welfare for their families.

We are called to be bridge builders. We must be open to listen to our neighbors and find ways to support those who are most vulnerable.

THE FIRST PRESIDENCY