

March 1, 2017

Yolo County Board of Supervisors
625 Court Street #204
Woodland, CA 95695

Dear Supervisors:

Davis United Methodist Church whole-heartedly supports the resolution before the Yolo County Board of Supervisors to Affirm Yolo County as a Safe and Welcoming Community.

We believe that our community is safest when all people feel welcome and protected and the role of law enforcement is to promote the health and safety of everyone, regardless of immigration status. We strongly oppose having local law enforcement officers act as immigration officers. We are very troubled by the national surge in raids targeting immigrant communities, separating families, and creating a climate of fear.

In a recent letter, Susan Henry-Crowe, General Director of the General Board of Church and Society of the United Methodist Church, stated the position of our denomination:

The United Methodist Church believes that “migrants should be given due process and access to adequate legal representation. Due to these raids and the ensuing detentions and deportations that follow them, families have been ripped apart and the migrant community has been forced to live in a constant state of fear.” ([Book of Resolutions, ¶ 3281 “Welcoming the Migrant to the United States”](#))

....[We] call upon [the United States government] to immediately cease arrests, detainment, and deportations of undocumented immigrants, including children, solely based upon their immigration status until a fair and comprehensive immigration reform is passed.

....“To refuse to welcome migrants to this country – and to stand by in silence while families are separated, individual freedoms are ignored, and the migrant community in the United States is demonized by members of Congress and the media – is complicity to sin.” ([Book of Resolutions, ¶ 3281 “Welcoming the Migrant to the United States”](#))

We urge the Yolo County Board of Supervisors to do everything in its power to maintain a welcoming, tolerant and safe community where the contributions and the well-being of all people are valued.

Sincerely,

Pastor Brandon Austin