Resolution 2025-6: Calling for Moral Behavior from Our Elected and Public Officials.

Whereas only humans are made in the image of God (Genesis 1:27), we as Christians hold that the protection and respect for human life and dignity are the basis of all human morality and the guiding purpose of all moral human societies. Whereas, contrivances such as nations, countries, and sectarian groupings cannot take precedence over human beings, since they are human fabrications. Whereas, the assertion that any part of creation belongs to anyone other than God is an expression of the rejection of God as creator and Lord. (Deuteronomy 10:14 and Psalm 24:1) Whereas God entrusts creation to humans in stewardship for the common good, not in ownership for self-serving purposes that come at the expense of others. (Matthew 25:1430, Genesis 2:15-17)

## Resolved that this convention:

Rejects the persecution, detention, and deportation of people without due process who are innocent of any crimes or offences of moral turpitude.

Rejects the use of intentional starvation, collective punishments, extrajudicial actions, and activities that are contrary to international humanitarian law.

The Convention calls upon all federal, state, and local elected officials to adopt all measures and actions that are consistent with this resolution, to ensure a moral climate that best serves the people of this state and the common good.

We request that the Secretary of the Convention send this Resolution to all pertinent elected officials who represent the jurisdictions covered by the Episcopal Diocese of East Carolina.

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