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Minute Uniting with Santa Fe's Minute on Immigration

Durango Monthly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends unites with Santa Fe Monthly Meeting's Minute on Immigration (November 18, 2018). We also recognize that the testimonies named in that minute (equality, community and integrity) are rooted in the Spirit of God. We affirm that there is that of God in every one and that the Holy Spirit calls us to treat the stranger, the foreigner, the immigrant with particular care and concern..."for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me..." Matt 25:35 (NRSV)

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Equality, community and integrity are foundations of Quaker belief. Therefore, as immigrants and refugees in our community encounter trials such as family separation, incarceration, internment and deportation, Santa Fe Monthly Meeting is called to put these beliefs into action. We will support these neighbors in their daily lives, providing aid, companionship, friendship and safety in whatever ways we are able.

We affirm the right of refugees from all types of violence to apply for asylum in this country, including those whose lives are threatened by gang violence, rape, and domestic violence and abuse. We affirm the right of those seeking asylum to be treated with respect, dignity, and due process during the application procedures. We call upon the government of the United States to honor its legal obligations under the Refugee Act of 1980 and the 1967 United Nations Protocol on Refugees to provide protection to those who qualify as refugees.

We recognize that our national immigration system is in dire need of attention, funding and fixing. We advocate for local, state and national policies that live up to our values, calling for meaningful, lasting immigration system reform.