

## Our Baptismal Vow

When we are baptized into Christian community, we promise to resist evil, injustice, and oppression in whatever forms they present themselves. As the body of Christ, we are called to stand with those who are victims of such injustice and work for peace and reconciliation. This includes recognizing, embracing, and affirming all persons, regardless of their country of origin or immigration status.

Throughout Scripture, God's people are called to love and care for the sojourners in our midst ([Leviticus 19:33-34](#); [Hebrews 13:2](#); [1 Corinthians 12:24b-26a](#)). Even Jesus himself was once an immigrant, seeking refuge in Egypt during his early life ([Matthew 2:13-18](#); [Matthew 25:35](#)). Many individuals who are seeking a new start in the United States are often doing so for a variety of reasons, including but not limited to: war, economic scarcity, persecution, the effects of globalization, etc. As a Christian community, we acknowledge our role and responsibility to care for our neighbor, as doing so is not just an act of mission, but also an opportunity to receive God's grace.

On our page are local organizations and groups to get involved in that are actively working to care for the immigrant. There are also some tools and opportunities for further education like books, movies, podcasts, and documentaries. Don't forget we educate to advocate. By this we mean **we learn so that our faiths might be transformed into a lived faith**. We are called to put into action God's call to us. There are so many options where God might be calling you, so we have provided this pretty extensive, though not certainly comprehensive, list.

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Want to get more involved with the Immigration Task Force or have a list of more in-depth resources? Contact Stephanie Smith at [ssmith@bumc.net](mailto:ssmith@bumc.net).