

**FIRST UNITARIAN CONGREGATIONAL SOCIETY IN
BROOKLYN
IMMIGRANT SOLIDARITY COMMITTEE**

WHEREAS

- The congregation voted on May 21, 2017 to stand in solidarity with immigrants and refugees, to establish an Immigrant Solidarity Committee, and to enter into a process of discernment to determine whether and how to commit to a program offering sanctuary to immigrants and/or refugees;
- The congregation has completed this discernment process;

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED THAT THE FIRST UNITARIAN CONGREGATIONAL SOCIETY IN BROOKLYN

- Establishes, by a vote of two-thirds or greater, a short-term sanctuary program, within the following parameters:
 - The program will run for two years. At the two year mark, the program will either expire or will be re-authorized by congregational vote. The Committee will report to the congregation at each Annual Meeting on activity under the program.
 - The program offers only short-term sanctuary, meaning that a person or family can stay in sanctuary for up to 72 hours.
 - Guests will stay in the library. Volunteers will mostly be in the office. Any time a guest enters sanctuary, they will take precedence over any previous space bookings for the library. The relevant group(s) will be informed.
 - Our community partner will be responsible for transporting our guest to and from First Unitarian; notifying ICE when someone is in sanctuary; providing legal support to the guest; and providing other needed support to the guest (e.g., translation).
 - The Immigration Solidarity Committee and its volunteers will be responsible for confirming that ICE is notified when a guest is in sanctuary; opening the church's doors when sanctuary is requested; providing a safe and comfortable environment for the guest; ensuring that one or more FUUB volunteers are in the church with the guest at all times; and maintaining good relations and fair space management with First Unitarian staff.