

AMM2014.11.5 Detention of persons whose only “offense” is their unresolved immigration status violates the human dignity of every person that all religions in their highest ideals hold dear. It degrades everyone involved and contradicts our nation’s most cherished values. Policies that permit such inhumane treatment are morally intolerable. We must abolish the immigrant detention system being maintained within the United States.

To Albuquerque Monthly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends the word Sanctuary in 2014 means providing shelter, legal support, and material support for detainees and released asylum seekers. We join with other active faith communities that are seeking ways to provide aid. We commit ourselves to further exploration of how we, as Albuquerque Monthly Meeting, can put our witness into action. We support all within our meeting who are led to act. We reaffirm the spirit behind the Albuquerque Monthly Meeting Minute from May 1, 1983, on Sanctuary. We urge all to provide spiritual support for everyone involved in this humanitarian concern. We hold in the Light every person touched by this issue.