

Resolution 6 – 2016 Greater Milwaukee Synod Assembly
Resolution in support of Accompanying Migrant Minors with Protection,
Advocacy, Representation and Opportunities *
Submitted by the Greater Milwaukee Synod Council

Whereas, there are over 90 verses in the Bible that call on people of faith to welcome the stranger and foreigner; and

Whereas the ELCA has issued many statements since its inception on Central America and refugees, calling on this Church to be a welcoming place for those seeking refuge and asylum; and

Whereas children and families from Central America have been coming to the United States seeking refuge from violence, poverty and lack of opportunities, for many years with a spike in the number coming in Federal Fiscal Years 2012-2014, along with an increase in number this fiscal year; and

Whereas companion churches, ecumenical partners, social ministry organizations and other partners are in ministry with the children and families in Central America and in the United States of America; and

Whereas it is the commitment of the ELCA as a church in the world, to accompany vulnerable children and families from Central America today and in the future using the AMMPARO (Accompanying Migrant Minors with Protection, Advocacy, Representation and Opportunities) strategy as a guide; therefore, be it

Resolved, the Greater Milwaukee Synod in Assembly affirm the AMMPARO (Accompanying Migrant Minors with Protection, Advocacy, Representation and Opportunities) strategy recently presented to the ELCA Church Council and memorialize the Churchwide Assembly to adopt it; and be it further

Resolved, that the Greater Milwaukee Synod Assembly affirm the ministry that is being done in this synod with children and families from Central America; and be it further

Resolved, that the Greater Milwaukee Synod Assembly consider ways that it can accompany, foster awareness building and advocate for the children and families in Central America in their country, in the countries in transit and in the United States of America; and be it further

Resolved, that the Greater Milwaukee Synod use the AMMPARO strategy as a guide for accompanying children and families from Central America through the Welcoming Congregations and/or Guardian Angel programs, and for advocating policies that are more just and humane and that uphold and defend the human rights of migrant children and their families.

* Website at <https://www.elca.org/Our-Work/Publicly-Engaged-Church/AMMPARO>