

## **NCCJ on Immigration: A Statement**

The National Conference for Community and Justice of Greater Cincinnati supports the respectful treatment of all citizens, guests and visitors in our country. The current controversy to define citizenship and appropriate legal status focused on undocumented workers and the security of our national borders has inflamed a complex issue that requires careful and rational problem-solving.

NCCJ urges all citizens to reflect on the core values of the USA, its unique station among the nations of the world as a welcoming place for immigrants, and the right of people everywhere to seek a better life for themselves and their families. Since 1965, the USA has embraced immigrants from every continent and presently is home to people from every corner of the globe. Solutions to our current immigration crisis will require new policies that reconcile our history and humane ideals with resolute response to the present social problems.

NCCJ deplors all forms of ethnic prejudice, violence and anti-immigrant vigilantism, and calls upon all Americans to move beyond nativism and hostility and work toward a fair resolution of the issues through reasoned and respectful dialogue.

To that end, NCCJ pledges its leadership and resources.

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