

## Harvard Square Sanctuary Coalition Covenant

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As people of faith and conscience living in a time when the political and social climate of our nation has become increasingly hostile towards minority groups, we are mindful of our sacred calling and moral duty to welcome the stranger, protect the vulnerable, and accompany the oppressed. Today, we are witnessing injustice, and we are called to holy resistance. United in moral conviction and grounded in our diverse communities of faith and conscience, we, the undersigned, pledge to protect the valued members of our communities who have been placed in increasing danger because of their race, religion, sexual orientation, gender identity, or immigration status.

These commitments include:

**I. Community Engagement:** We, the undersigned, pledge to build relationships with our neighbors who are immigrants and refugees, regardless of their documentation status. We will work with them to support these communities in a manner that they consider useful and worthwhile. We will extend similar support to other marginalized individuals and communities in our society.

**II. Advocacy:** We, the undersigned, pledge to advocate for an end to unjust deportations which tear families apart and cause irreplaceable losses to our communities. We will work not only within our faith communities, but also at local, state, and federal levels to advocate for a new, fair immigration process. We will work alongside undocumented and irregular visa status people in this advocacy.

**III. Sanctuary:** We, the undersigned, pledge to become a Sanctuary network, to support members of our community who are under threat of deportation, up to and including physical sanctuary in some cases.

Signed:

Cambridge Minyan, First Church in Cambridge, Friends Meeting at Cambridge, Harvard Divinity School Student Led Interfaith and Secular Coalition, Harvard Epworth United Methodist Church, Old Cambridge Baptist Church, and University Lutheran Church.