***GLOBAL WESLEYAN ALLIANCE***

***POLICY ON IMMIGRATION***

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*As a global organization, the Global Wesleyan Alliance recognizes the challenges presented by ever-changing immigration laws in the various nations where we are represented, as well as the moral and ethical complexities encountered when ministering to immigrants and refugees (whether documented or undocumented).*

*At the same time, the Global Wesleyan Alliance affirms that there are timeless Biblical principles which are universally applicable to our interaction with immigrants. We therefore call upon our constituent organizations to:*

* *Respect the God-given dignity of every person, treating immigrants and refugees with love, and mercy.*
* *Follow the clear biblical mandate to welcome, listen to and learn from, assist, evangelize, and disciple the immigrants and refugees among us.*
* *Advocate for equitable immigration laws and policies that will protect all persons, guard the unity of the immediate family, enable legal work permits for immigrants, and provide pathways for undocumented immigrants to obtain legal status and/or citizenship.*
* *Respect and obey the laws of their respective governments, except when they are in direct violation of biblical principles. When there is a conflict between their heavenly and earthly citizenships as to specific claims, Christians have a moral responsibility to pursue biblical justice, as well as the political duty and right to seek to change the law and to act so as to maintain a clear conscience before God.*