Minute of Concern
Peace and Social Action Committee
Gwynedd Monthly Meeting

Gwynedd Friends Meeting is deeply troubled by the ongoing plight of immigrants in this country. Instead of being welcomed, as they should be, they have been vilified, arrested, abused and deported. Recently a Supreme Court decision (Mullin v. Doe 6/25/26) enabled the Department of Homeland Security to terminate Temporary Protected Status for some 350,000 Haitians and 6,000 Syrians now living in the US.

As the American Friends Service Committee indicated in its response to this decision: it puts Haitian immigrants "at risk of deportation and threatens the status of all TPS holders. It will tear apart families and neighborhoods, put people in dangerous situations, and significantly expand the Trump Administration's racist mass deportation agenda." And those who are deported back to their home countries will face ongoing violence and instability there.

We deplore this situation and urge our Meeting and its members/attenders to consider the following responses:

1. Contact our Senators (John Fetterman and David McCormick) and urge them to support SB4814, introduced by Sen. Edward Markey of MA, which would extend TPS protection for Haitian immigrants for 3 years.

2. Provide financial support to the American Friends Service Committee, which has engaged in immigrant rights work for many years and whose offices in New Jersey and Florida are working directly with Haitians who are losing their TPS status: afsc.org

3. For those who are members of AARP, urge this organization to support the statement of Living Age (the national organization of CCRCs to which Foulkeways belongs) that 'losing thousands of experienced frontline caregivers (8% are Haitians) will severely destabilize the aging-services sector and threaten access to safe care for older adults.'

Peace and Social Action Committee urges Gwynedd Meeting to approve this Minute of Concern and submit it to Abington Quarterly Meeting and Philadelphia Yearly Meeting for their consideration and action.

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