

## **Houses of Hospitality/Migrant Welcoming Centers**

**WHAT:** A conscientious decision, a response of hospitality, to the phenomenon/fact of “the stranger in our midst.”

### **WHY:**

- The migrant needs hospitality.
- We need to faithfully respond to migration.
- We need to hear the stories, be in relationship with the migrant
- The HISTORICAL MOMENT (increasing deaths, economic push and free trade policies, border militarization, etc.) demands this response.
- In taking this action, WE ARE TRANSFORMED.
- We accept our responsibility toward our brother/sister migrant in view of the benefits we receive from the economic system.
- We are responding to the spiritual needs of the U.S. church.

### **WHAT WE NEED:**

- A theological presentation of hospitality—West
- An economic presentation linking economic factors and migration.
- A draft resolution/endorsement asking judicatories/leadership of denomination to endorse our efforts.
- A “Faces of Hospitality,” concrete models of hospitality in action.—West
- Create a National Registry of groups involved in hospitality to migrants.—Grania
- A “Covenant of Hospitality,” including a covenant with meeting the needs of the migrant, to be signed when a congregation is ready to begin.
- Recording migrant experiences—Nancy
- Designation of a “Safe Space.”
- A place where migrants can find their own voice.
- No More Deaths type of protocol.

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