

Statement on the Revocation of Sensitive Location Protections

As a family of churches committed to serving vulnerable populations and ministering to our communities, we are deeply grieved by the recent decision to revoke the policy prohibiting immigration enforcement actions at sensitive locations, including places of worship.

This action means that our congregations are susceptible to disruption and intrusion during worship services, Bibles studies, community ministries, outreaches, and other ministries that serve the community.

While we affirm the importance of public safety, we reject any action that undermines the ability of churches to provide spiritual, emotional, and physical care to vulnerable individuals.

This policy shift risks driving immigrant communities further into the shadows, cutting them off from essential spiritual, social, and physical support that churches and other sensitive locations provide.

We call upon the administration to reconsider this harmful policy and to reinstate the sensitive locations guidelines that have allowed churches to remain safe and accessible to all, regardless of immigration status.

To our churches, we encourage you to continue ministering boldly and faithfully. Do not let fear deter you from serving the vulnerable, the marginalized, and the stranger in our midst. As Scripture reminds us, "Perfect love casts out fear" (1 John 4:18).

Together, let us advocate for a more compassionate approach that honors the dignity of every individual, and safeguards the church's ministry and the sanctity of our spaces of worship and service.

We will continue to pray for wisdom for our leaders and for protection and provision for the communities we serve.

Signed,
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