

Pastors on Border Security and Immigration

It is no news that national immigration policy and enforcement has reached crisis proportions. Over the last couple of months, a multi-ethnic, cross-denominational organization of pastors, the Houston Area Pastors Council, has hammered out a biblically consistent recommendation and challenge to the leaders of this nation. The declaration can be found at <http://www.immigrationdeclaration.org>. On Wednesday, July 7 this policy was announced at a press release. Video of that press release maybe found at: <http://www.myfoxboston.com/dpp/news/local/100707-houston-churches-get-in-on-immigration>.

Their approach is set apart from others for two reasons. First, other proposals mostly focus on only one aspect of the problem, but this declaration addresses the three key problems in tandem: border protection and security, immigration reform, and policy toward illegals already in this country. Second, they recognize that there must be a policy that preserves the rule of law (justice) and also deals with the individuals involved in compassion (mercy). Law without mercy is tyranny, mercy without law is anarchy.

The problems we face in this nation are due to a moral failure that has afflicted both sides of the aisle. Laws on the books have not been enforced. Special interests have been allowed to dilute the process of law enforcement, and political pandering to minority constituents has shown the cowardice of politicians to face realities and make what might be just, but unpopular decisions.

Whenever issues relate to moral issues, it is the role of the pastors as leaders, to speak to those issues from the pulpit and to challenge our political leaders to do the right thing. This has been the tradition of this nation since colonial times, and if it were not for the courage and leadership of the pastors in 1775 we would still be bowing to British royalty. The British feared no group more than the pastors in the colonies.

This declaration was unveiled July 3rd. Since then over 300 pastors have signed on in support. Others may also sign on their support on separate pages.

I encourage you to email this to as many pastors as you can. HAPC has determined that once we reach a goal of 1,000 pastoral supporters then we will have the clout to call a meeting with local and state leaders and begin to work our way up the chain of command.

The immigration declaration is not designed to state details of immigration legislation, but to state the boundaries, within which a just immigration policy must operate.

Time is of the essence. Please stand with us now. If you support this declaration, please pass this on to all you can. We need both pastors and congregants to sign on.