

1 **RES 26-08 | CALL TO SUPPORT THE BOYCOTT OF HOME DEPOT**

2 **SUBJECT:** Call for United Methodist Local Churches and Ministries in the California-Pacific
3 Annual Conference to Support the Boycott of Home Depot

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10 **ESTIMATED FINANCIAL IMPACT:** Minimal funding will be necessary for the production,
11 printing and distribution of informational resources

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13 **SOURCE OF STAFF TIME:** Justice and Compassion Ministries and Immigration Ministries Staff

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15 Whereas Leviticus 19:33-34 states:

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17 When an alien resides with you in your land, you shall not oppress the alien. The alien who resides
18 with you shall be to you as the native-born among you; you shall love the alien as yourself, for you
19 were aliens in the land of Egypt: I am the Lord your God; 1

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21 And Whereas the Social Principles of The United Methodist Church state:

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23 We oppose all laws and policies that attempt to criminalize, dehumanize, or punish displaced
24 individuals and families based on their status as migrants, immigrants, or refugees. Additionally, we
25 decry attempts to detain displaced people and hold them in inhumane and unsanitary conditions. We
26 challenge policies that call for the separation of families, especially parents and minor children, and
27 we oppose the existence of for-profit detention centers for such purposes; 2

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29 And Whereas Resolution 4276. The United Methodist Church Is a Sanctuary Church states:

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31 Raids of workplaces, homes, and other social places have often violated the civil liberties of
32 migrants. Migrants should be given due process and access to adequate legal representation. Due to
33 these raids and the ensuing detentions and deportations that follow them, families have been ripped
34 apart and the migrant community has been forced to live in a constant state of fear. To refuse to
35 welcome migrants ... and to stand by in silence while families are separated, individual freedoms are
36 ignored ... is complicity to sin; 3

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38 And Whereas Home Depot has done nothing about the fact that their stores across the nation have
39 become hunting grounds for federal immigration raids even though, as of May 2026, more than 700
40 people have been kidnapped from their properties by immigration officers;

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42 And Whereas Home Depot contracts with surveillance companies like Flock Safety to record vehicle
43 information that it shares it with law enforcement;

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45 And Whereas Home Depot has installed noise machines at one of their stores in California to
46 torture and drive away day laborers;

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48 And Whereas it is unlikely Home Depot will act without pressure, as the company itself has a long
49 history of targeting and harassing Day Laborers;

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1 **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the 42nd Annual Session of the California-Pacific Annual Conference
2 encourages its local churches and ministries to join the national boycott against Home Depot until
3 such time as Home Depot meets five critical demands:

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5 1. Publicly denounce ICE violence, kidnappings, and disappearances of our community members
6 from Home Depot parking lots and stores.

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8 2. Deny all federal immigration agencies access to its stores and parking lots for any staging,
9 surveilling, violence, and disappearances; and take measures to protect all day laborers, customers,
10 and employees on their premises.

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12 3. Allow day laborer centers at every Home Depot location, free from harassment or intimidation of
13 day laborers and all people, regardless of status.

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15 4. Provide compensation to families negatively impacted by these anti-immigrant raids that have
16 taken place on Home Depot premises for their pain and suffering.

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18 5. Remove sound torture machines and license plate surveilling technology from Home Depot
19 properties. Delete the data and do not share or sell to anyone. 4

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21 Footnotes:

22 1 New Revised Standard Version of the Bible – Updated Edition

23 2 The Book of Discipline of The United Methodist Church 2020/2024, ¶ 163. IV. The Political
24 Community, Basic Rights and Freedoms, G. Migrants, Immigrants, and Refugees.

25 3 The Book of Resolutions of The United Methodist Church 2020/2024. Resolution 4276. The
26 United Methodist Church Is a Sanctuary Church.

27 4 These demands were created in collaboration with day laborers and the Institute of Popular
28 Education of Southern California (IDEPSCA), which operates five of the seven city-sanctioned day
29 laborer centers at Home Depots in Los Angeles, where their stores have been most impacted.