



**Unitarian  
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Congregation of Columbia

January 22, 2016

The Honorable Nikki Haley  
Governor of South Carolina  
1205 Pendleton Street  
Columbia, SC 29201

RE: Immigration of Syrian Refugees to South Carolina

Dear Governor Haley:

Please find enclosed a resolution from the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Columbia requesting that you re-consider your announced policy regarding the Syrian refugees. South Carolina should welcome these victims of terrorism in love, not turn them away in fear.

Please, please allow the love and understanding you demonstrated with regard to the Charleston shooting and the removal of the Confederate flag to apply to these families hoping for a better life.

Sincerely,

Patricia Mohr  
UCC Social Action Committee



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## **WELCOME THE SYRIAN REFUGEES TO SOUTH CAROLINA**

The Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Columbia calls on Governor Nikki Haley and the state legislature to act with love and courage to welcome Syrian refugees for resettlement in South Carolina. These families fled their homes to escape the terror of the Bashar al Assad regime and ISIL. Even after extensive screening of 18 months to two years before being allowed to come here, they will face more persecution and suffering if South Carolina turns its back on them and their plight. It is unconscionable, immoral, and un-American. Immigrants built this country and continue to add incredible richness and diversity to the American tapestry.

We must not face terrorism with fear; love is the only thing that we know can truly conquer hate. We call on our elected officials to lead on the side of love for refugees.