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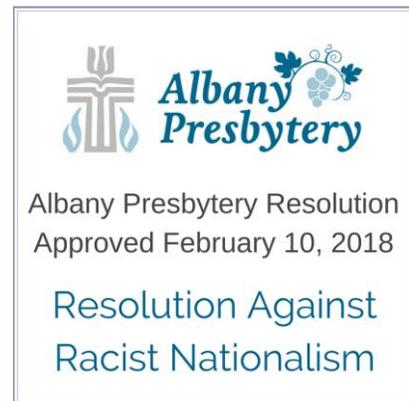
Albany Presbytery Speaks Out Against Racist Nationalism

Resolution Against Racist Nationalism

[TROY, NY, February 13, 2018—] Albany Presbytery has adopted a resolution condemning “the unjust, racist disparagement of people and entire nations lately promoted by politicians and government officials at all levels.”

Terry Diggory, a member of the Saratoga Springs church that brought the resolution to the Presbytery, said it was intended as a non-partisan appeal to all people of conscience. He quoted from the rationale: “The problem is bigger than one comment by one man. It is a problem in which, under a democratic form of government, all citizens share some measure of responsibility.”

The resolution was approved in a meeting of Albany Presbytery on February 10.



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members of congregations who are from countries that have been disparaged in the recent debate over immigration.

The full text of the resolution follows and is also available on the Albany Presbytery website: <https://albanypresbytery.org/resolution-against-racist-nationalism/>

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At its 316th Stated Meeting on Saturday, February 10, 2018 at the Hamilton Union Presbyterian Church in Guilderland, NY, Albany Presbytery took the following action:

Albany Presbytery strongly condemns the unjust, racist disparagement of people and entire nations lately promoted by politicians and government officials at all levels in the mistaken effort to place “America First.” As Christians, our call is to bring to “all nations” (Matthew 28:19) the good news that God loves all people equally. Historically, America has been “first” in espousing human equality as the principle on which nations are founded. We call upon our national leaders to lead by that principle. We pray that God may open the minds and hearts of the American people to understand that the real problems they face result from real causes and not from the presence of demonized “others.” We commit to working with people of good will, regardless of political or religious affiliation, in a collective effort to solve the real problems facing our nation and the world. We ask forgiveness from those who have been hurt by hateful rhetoric and harmed by unjust government policies. We acknowledge our responsibility and urge our elected officials to speak out against hate and “to do justice, to love kindness, and to walk humbly” with God (Micah 6:8).

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