



OFFICE OF

DAVID P. WILSON

GENERAL SECRETARY / OPERATIONS OFFICER

CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE • GLOBAL MINISTRY CENTER

Thank-you for contacting this office to express your opinion on the recent statement by the National Association of Evangelicals on immigration reform.

The statement is summarized on the NAE website by the following points:

- Immigrants should be treated with respect and mercy.
- National borders must be safeguarded with efficiency and respect for human dignity.
- Immigration laws should recognize the central importance of the family and provide for reduction in backlogs for family reunification.
- There should be a clear and workable system for legally admitting an adequate number of immigrants to meet both workforce and family reunification needs.
- There must be a sound, equitable process for currently undocumented immigrants who wish to assume the responsibilities and privileges of citizenship to earn legal status.
- There should be fair labor and civil laws for all who reside in the United States, reflecting the best of our nation's heritage.
- Immigration enforcement must recognize due process of law, the sanctity of the human person and the incomparable value of family.

The complete statement is in a link marked "resolution" in the text. I was personally at the meeting when the statement was read and at the press conference on Capitol Hill. At no time did I even hear the word "amnesty." As I read the text, I did not find that that concept existed.

In evaluating the statement, several points were considered:

1. It was prayerfully and carefully developed over time. The final product was the result of countless hours of discussion and many iterations.
2. It is biblically based. The biblical theme of "compassion" is underscored throughout the text.

3. It acknowledges that the current system is not working and needs to be repaired.
4. It does not advocate breaking laws; rather, it encourages reform through proper legislative channels.

These issues and many others were considered before the statement was endorsed.

I am sorry this action has caused you to be distressed. That was not the intent. We must continue to pray for one another and especially for our government leaders that God will give them clear direction as they seek to resolve this difficult problem.

Respectfully,
David Wilson
General Secretary

• BUSINESS CENTER • HOLINESS TODAY / NCN NEWS • HUMAN RESOURCES, INSURANCE & LEGAL MATTERS •
• INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY • NAZARENE ARCHIVES • RESEARCH • NAZARENE.ORG •

17001 PRAIRIE STAR PARKWAY • LENEXA KS 66220 • 913.577.0500

FAX: 913.577.0848 • WWW.NAZARENE.ORG • E-MAIL: GENSEC@NAZARENE.ORG