“Many people in the United States—and many more of our sisters and brothers in troubled regions around the world—suffer today as captives: captives of economic conditions that deny basic human needs such as adequate food, shelter or health care; captives of social systems that violate standards of human rights or undervalue personal worth and abilities; captives of political structures that oppress through violence or injustice. …

Inability to enforce the existing laws has led to a large population of undocumented persons, that is, those who enter the U.S. legally or have overstayed their visas. **Lacking legal status and fearing deportation these persons have become easy prey for those who want cheap labor or who offer unsafe working conditions.** The outcry of the exploited and unemployed is increasing. …

We seek to be faithful to the Word and call upon members of the Church of the Brethren to respond as it has done in the past to **serve the spiritual and social needs of migrating; immigrating and refugee persons.**”