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Whereas for generations workers and their young children have come to the US without authorization to satisfied the labor needs of our nation contributing to its economic development, and,

Whereas, these children are being penalized by increased college tuition and are denied the opportunity to practice their profession because of their immigration status, and

Whereas, the Federal DREAM Act, first introduced in Congress in 2001, is a bi-partisan legislation, that would open the possibility of higher Education, as well as a conditional pathway to US citizenship, for undocumented students who were brought to the US as children (before their 16 birth date), and who are now caught in a situation that is not of their own making. The Act would require such students, sometimes known as “The Dreamers”, to complete a college degree or two years of military service in order to be granted temporary residency and then be eligible to apply for US citizenship.

Therefore, we, the General Conference of the UMC, urges the US Congress to adopt the DREAM Act and provide for these children, who have lived most their lives in this country, access to educational opportunities and full participation in the life of the only nation they have known, and identify with, the US.

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