



A Resolution support Faith

Committee: Social and Economic Justice

Resolution: SEJ-20-03

1. **WHEREAS**, More than 300 incidents of harassment or intimidation on a religious bias
2. were reported within two days of the 2016 election.
3. **WHEREAS**, The surge of workplace discrimination complaints based on religious bias
4. after the 2016 election are comparable to those after 9/11.
5. **WHEREAS**, Donald Trump has signed an executive order to allow and protect
6. healthcare services based upon their religious beliefs and allows healthcare workers to
7. refuse to refer patients to someone who will provide it.
8. **WHEREAS**, The Supreme Court has said the federal government may limit religious
9. freedom but only when it has “compelling interest” to do so in order to protect the
10. common good and limit people’s ability to do harm.
11. **WHEREAS**, *The Precarious Moment* by James Garlow and David Barton admit that
12. white christians, notably pastors used the bible to defend brutal torture of African
13. Americans.
14. **WHEREAS**, In 2015 Trump campaigned to ban all “Muslims entering the state until our
15. countries representatives can figure out what is going on.” which exemplified a direct
16. threat of religious freedoms to muslims throughout the United States.

17. **WHEREAS**, Nearly 79% of African Americans identify as christian.

18. **WHEREAS**, Religious institutions have long been important sites for public health

19. interventions. The relationship between public health and faith communities is a

20. partnership in which the central mission of faith is respected.

21. **WHEREAS**, John Lewis explains that many people became heavily involved with the

22. civil rights movement because they viewed their engagements as an extension of their

23. faith.

24. **THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that NOBEL Women supports eliminating all

25. religious bias and discrimination, freedom of religion and proper policing procedure in

26. religious bias.

Introduced by The Honorable Raumesh Akbari

Tennessee General Assembly