



SOUTH ELKHORN
CHRISTIAN CHURCH

MINISTRY CABINET RESOLUTION

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- Whereas,** All people are made in the image and likeness of God, deserving of respect, dignity, and opportunities to flourish, and also connected inextricably to one another as children of God; and
- Whereas,** The mission of South Elkhorn Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) is to inspire Christ's deeper way of love; and
- Whereas,** Section 25 of Kentucky's Constitution still allows for slavery and involuntary servitude as a punishment for a crime; and
- Whereas,** The youth of South Elkhorn Christian Church are leading the advocacy for the removal of any use of the destructive, dehumanizing, and degrading institution of slavery from Kentucky's Constitution; and
- Whereas,** Provisions like Section 25 were used by states and the Federal Government to allow formerly enslaved people to be unjustly targeted, disproportionately incarcerated, and forcibly exploited for their labor; and
- Whereas,** The exception clause for slavery and involuntary servitude negatively impacts Lexington and the Commonwealth of Kentucky, morally, socially, and spiritually,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the members of South Elkhorn's Ministry Cabinet serving as the governing body of South Elkhorn Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), call on the Kentucky Legislature to amend Section 25 of the Constitution of Kentucky, striking the exception clause, so it would clearly and directly read, "Section 25 slavery and involuntary servitude in this State are forbidden."

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