

Resolution

Holy Ground: Creating Tobacco-Free Faith Community Buildings and Grounds

“Do not come any closer,” the Lord said. “Take off your sandals, for you are standing on holy ground.” Exodus 3:5

WHEREAS, Each year secondhand smoke kills an estimated 7,300 from cancer and 34,000 from heart disease each year among adult nonsmokers in the United States; and

WHEREAS, Approximately 480,000 Americans die from preventable smoking related diseases each year; and

WHEREAS, Tobacco use and secondhand smoke contribute to many types of cancer, interfere with cancer treatment, and increase the risk of cancer reoccurrence; and

WHEREAS, Secondhand smoke causes health problems for infants and young children, including asthma, upper respiratory infections, ear infections and Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS); and

WHEREAS, Secondhand smoke is especially harmful to the unborn, increasing the risk of premature birth, low birthweight, and SIDS; and

WHEREAS, The U.S. Surgeon General and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has stated that a person with any risk factor(s) for heart disease should avoid all secondhand smoke; and

WHEREAS, The U.S. Surgeon General and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has stated that electronic nicotine delivery systems are harmful to young people and pregnant women, and the aerosol is not as safe as clean air; and

WHEREAS, QuitlineNC offers free, nonjudgmental help for anyone in North Carolina who wants to quit all forms of tobacco use; and

WHEREAS, The faith community values the health and abundant life of all its members

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that our Place of Worship will work towards: 1) adopting a tobacco-free policy; 2) increasing awareness about the risks of tobacco use and benefits of quitting; and 3) promoting tobacco cessation programs, such as QuitlineNC.

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