

Statement on Resettlement of Uighur Parolees

Tallahassee, Florida

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We, the undersigned hold positions of leadership in faith communities of Tallahassee, Florida. We declare our support for an inter-faith effort to resettle three of the Uyghur prisoners currently held in federal custody at the facility in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba.

Should these men be paroled, we will offer our personal welcome and support, and will urge the faith communities with whom we are associated to offer spiritual, financial, and practical assistance for their resettlement and incorporation into the Tallahassee community.

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