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**Resolution from the Floor in Support the Coalition of Immokalee Workers Boycott of Wendy's Restaurants**

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**Title of Resolution: Support the Coalition of Immokalee Workers Boycott of Wendy's Restaurants**

WHEREAS, the Coalition of Immokalee Workers, an award-winning farmworker-based human rights organization, has taken on the giants of Big Agriculture and built a new system of labor protection called the Fair Food Program, and

WHEREAS, in five short years since its implementation, the Fair Food Program has prevented modern-day slavery and sexual violence, improved farmworker wages, and guaranteed basic safety protections for workers, and

WHEREAS, the penny-per-pound Fair Food Premium is received annually by approximately 35,000 farmworkers and their families (1), with participating companies having funneled over \$20 million in Fair Food Premiums to improve workers' wages since 2011, and

WHEREAS, 14 major fast food and supermarket chains have signed on to Fair Food, including Taco Bell (Yum Brands), McDonald's, Burger King, Subway, Chipotle, and WalMart, and

WHEREAS, Wendy's has sought to circumvent participation in the Fair Food Program by abandoning Florida to source its tomatoes from Mexico, buying tomatoes from a grower (2) whose labor camps are associated with extreme poverty, violent abuse, substandard housing, child labor and wage theft, and

WHEREAS, The Coalition of Immokalee Workers is leading a nationwide boycott of Wendy's, to pressure the fast-food giant to join its competitors and participate in a worker-led social responsibility system that links corporate accountability with labor justice from farm to table, and

WHEREAS, the National Council of Churches endorsed the Wendy's boycott last month, therefore be it

[ 16 ] RESOLVED that the Diocese of New York endorse the Wendy's boycott, and raise our moral voice to call on Wendy's to protect the human rights of farmworkers by joining the Fair Food Program.