

7 WAYS

TO SUPPORT REFUGEES

in your community and around the world

More than 60 million people have been displaced from their homes, including refugees, asylum seekers and those who are internally displaced because of war, disaster and economic hardship. Some are Syrian and Iraqi refugees. Others are Central American refugees seeking safety in the U.S. God's call to welcome the stranger, regardless of nationality or religion, is clear in Deuteronomy 10:18-19 and Matthew 25:35-36.

You and your congregation can respond through Mennonite Central Committee (MCC).

- 1** Financially support MCC's ongoing humanitarian relief and peacebuilding projects that help Syrians displaced in Syria and in the neighboring countries of Lebanon, Jordan and Iraq until the war is over and they can return home.
▶▶ Learn more or donate at mcc.org/syria-iraq
- 2** Support the immigration education work of MCC U.S., including trainings to equip people to provide legal immigration assistance.
▶▶ Learn more or donate at mcc.org/immigration
- 3** Contact your government representatives to oppose efforts to halt the resettlement of refugees based on religion or nationality, as well as any efforts to reject, detain or deport asylum seekers.
▶▶ Find current action alerts at mcc.org/advocacy-migration
- 4** Support churches and families resettling Syrian families in Canada through MCC Canada.
▶▶ Learn more at mcccanada.ca/refugees-sponsorship



5 Form a congregational Welcome Team for refugees resettling in the U.S., working with one of these church agencies, which have cooperative agreements with the U.S. Department of State:

▶▶ Church World Service cwsglobal.org/get-involved/welcome-a-refugee

▶▶ Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Services
lirs.org/our-work/people-we-serve/refugees/resettling-refugees

▶▶ World Relief refugeecrisis.worldrelief.org/good-neighbor-teams

6 Become a sanctuary congregation for families in danger of being deported from the U.S., or support families in sanctuary at other locations. Congregations around the country are offering their churches as places of refuge for families in danger of being deported while they await due legal process.

▶▶ Find out more at sanctuarynotdeportation.org

7 Pray that God will stir people's hearts to compassion for all people around the globe who are forced from their homes by war, disaster and economic hardship.



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