Refugee + Immigrant Care Toolkit



Begin with the Basics



1 **Pray** for refugees

Prayer Points

2 **Know** what the Bible says about refugees and immigrants.

The Scriptural Basis of Welcoming the Stranger

3 **Discover** which immigrant or refugee groups are in your community.

- Check with churches in your area with an immigrant or refugee ministry to discover the prevalent populations.
- Visit an ethnic church or a mosque to see if they are connected with recently arrived immigrants or refugees.
- Find out if there are places of employment that attract immigrant or refugee workers in your community.
- Walk your neighborhood and observe who is present. Give focused attention to how immigrants in your community have contributed to local businesses, architecture, and culture.

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Build Relationships

Make a friend

Invite an immigrant, refugee, or someone of a different faith to coffee as a place to start—friendships help us "see differently." Learn all you can about their traditions, customs, and culture and build trust through genuine love.

Participate in a local immigrant or refugee ministry.

Getting involved is a great venue for relationships.

Contact your local state/city Resettlement Agencies for ways to connect.

Office of Refugee Resettlement

Frequent ethnic restaurants and/or businesses

Visiting places that cater to the local immigrant population can help you experience the culture, get to know new people and strengthen relationships.

Be a Learner

Listen, **watch** or **read** refugee stories and articles

- Evangelical Immigration Table
- "Across" Documentary
- World Relief
- International Rescue Committee
- I Am Your Immigrant Neighbor
- The Church's Role in Immigration
- The Church's Response to Global Displacement
- Deep Listening to Build Bridges
- Tips for Having a Conversation About Immigration with Friends and Family

Become acquainted with immigration terminology

See Glossary of Terms

Understand the Current Immigration "Climate"

- Why Is It So Hard to Become a U.S. Citizen?
- U.S. Refugee Resettlement Fact Sheet
- Policy Updates Explained
- NAE YouTube interview with Minneapolis Church Leaders
- World Relief Webinar: Refugee Detentions and ICE Enforcement in Minneapolis and Beyond
- Refugee Detentions and ICE Enforcement in Minnesota and Beyond (FAQ)
- Trauma awareness: *No Refuge: Ethics and the Global Refugee Crisis* by Serena Parekh
- Cultural adjustment:
  - *Global Humility: Attitudes for Mission* by Andy McCullough
  - *Many Colors: Cultural Intelligence for a Changing Church* by Soong-Chan Rah

Click Here to Discover More Resources

Note: The resources provided are not intended to endorse a particular view on immigration. They are presented here as potentially helpful materials for leaders seeking to be informed. As with all published material, regardless of the source, discernment is required of the reader/user.



Become a Servant-Leader

1

Volunteer

- World Relief
- Foursquare Disaster Relief
- Welcome.US

2

Gather household necessities for resettled refugees or struggling immigrant families.

Check with local agencies for needs.

3

Start an ESL/TEFL class in your church.

- Teaching English as a Foreign Language
- USA Hello

4

Teach refugees the basics of living in the U.S.

Banking, Insurance, Licenses, School Enrollment, Shopping, etc.

5

Share God's love with words and acts of kindness.

- Consider engaging your small groups to serve in one of the practical ways mentioned on this page.
- Host a Study or Discussion using one of the books or films suggested here.

Get Involved

FOURSQUARE
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As global migration increases, the Foursquare Refugee and Immigrant Care Network welcomes and serves the people of the nations that live among us. Because humanity bears God's image, we act as good neighbors to extend the boundaries of Christ-centered friendship and family. Our primary purpose is to connect leaders and churches with relationships and resources that will enable them to warmly welcome the immigrants and refugees of their community. For more information on how to connect and get involved, fill out this Interest Form.

Foursquare
Disaster Relief

Foursquare Disaster Relief: Project Sanctuary

Millions of refugees travel to different nations in search of safety, while some are displaced within their own homeland. Foursquare Disaster Relief, along with our Foursquare churches in many of these nations, collaborates to respond and minister to physical, emotional, and spiritual needs, offering hope, care, and God's love. Learn more + partner with FDR at foursquaredisasterrelief.org/projects/project-sanctuary.