



2025 Fall Seniors Retreat

*When Home is No Longer Safe:
Welcoming Asylum Seekers and Refugees*
Monday October 6, 2025

You are invited to Hidden Acres to learn from two organizations deeply involved in supporting asylum seekers and refugees.

Experience the difficult decisions refugees make as they flee their homes. Better understand the complex issues of conflict, migration and refugees.

Schedule for the Day

- 9:30am Registration & Coffee
- 10:00am Welcome & Worship
- 10:30am COMPASS Refugee Centre
- 12:15pm Lunch
- 1:45pm Forced to Flee
- 3:15pm Closing Comments and Announcements
- 3:30pm Departure

Meet our Resource People...



Shelley Campagnola is the Executive Director of COMPASS Refugee Centre. Aside from various degrees and certificates in business, education, risk management, and theology, her experiences locally, nationally, and globally have given her a unique vantage point and motivation to reshape the narrative around forced displacement and migration. She loves when she sees eyes light up with hope by getting a yes on a refugee claim. Surpassing this is witnessing the unmatched joy of being reunited with children and spouses. The work of COMPASS Refugee Centre covers all this and is complete when people are living life beyond refuge.

The COMPASS Mission: To assist, accompany, and advocate for refugee claimants in our community. We also work with Protected Persons and Convention Refugees who have a successful refugee claim.

Forced to Flee, facilitated by MCC, is a simulation activity during which participants work together in refugee "family units", making difficult decisions along the journey to securing their future post-conflict. The workshop aims to transform thinking and inspire action around conflict, migration, and refugees.



Christina Edmiston works with sponsors and refugees in the pre-arrival stage of sponsorship, as they learn about the sponsorship process, fill out paperwork, and wait for the Canadian government to approve their case.



Paula Marshall works with sponsors and refugees in the post-arrival stage of sponsorship, supporting and resourcing groups as they help newcomers start their new lives in Canada.

Two ways to register:

Register online at our website, using the QR code OR mail this section of the poster along with a cheque made payable to Hidden Acres Camp: 1921 Line 37, New Hamburg, ON, N3A 4B5

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Phone:
Address:
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Do you need Transportation? Yes No
Can you offer a ride? Yes No
Do you have any dietary restrictions? If yes, please explain:

I give permission for Hidden Acres Mennonite Camp to use any photograph or video I/we are in for promotional material: **Yes No**

Cost: \$55/person

In addition to serving our senior community, this retreat supports the work of the camp. Please contact the camp for financial support if needed.

Registration is **limited** and valid upon receipt of registration form **AND** payment.



Access our online registration form by scanning this QR code or visit hiddenacres.ca/programs/seniors-retreat

Upcoming Events at Hidden Acres

Annual Meeting
December 2, 2025

Spring Seniors Retreat
TBD

Chicken BBQ
Tuesday June 9th 2026

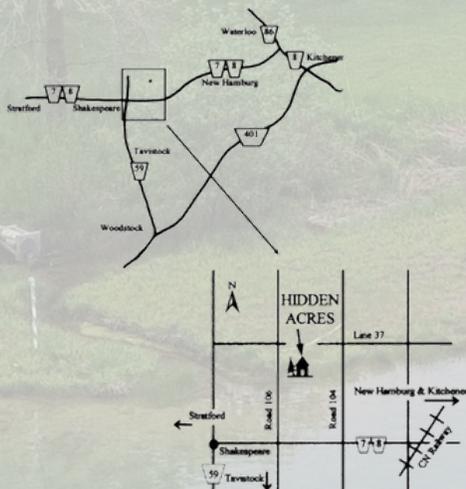
Thank you!

Hidden Acres would like to send a heartfelt thank you to the members of the Seniors Retreat Committee:
Ilene Bergen, Muriel Bechtel & Nancy Mann

General Information

HIDDEN ACRES is a 22-acre camp and retreat centre, nestled among the gently rolling hills and farms of Perth County, quietly secluded from the pressures and hurry of daily life. The spring-fed pond, countless trees and acres of grassland are just a few of the reminders of God's creation that make Hidden Acres a natural setting for a variety of activities and functions.

A charitable, non-profit organization, Hidden Acres is a peaceful gathering place where diverse groups of people experience life-giving connections with God, one another, and nature.



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