



FAITH PARTNERS WORLD REFUGEE DAY 2021 TOOLKIT

Welcome to our Faith Partners World Refugee 2021 Toolkit, with resources to assist your faith community in lifting up refugees in your region and in worship, advocating to rebuild our nation's refugee resettlement heritage, and engaging to welcome refugees in your area.

Just as faith communities have been crucial leaders in the “public-private partnerships” needed for effective refugee resettlement for over 40 years, THIS year--and as the world marks the 70th Anniversary of the [1951 Refugee Convention](#) on July 28, 2021--it is a time to [reflect on our compliance with the Convention](#) and affirm our need, more than ever, to restore and strengthen refugee resettlement in the United States.

We hope you'll enjoy accessing the resources below to:

- Sponsor or join actions that highlight refugee voices in your area
- Raise faith community awareness of refugee needs and engage in welcoming them
- Encourage resettlement of as many refugees as possible this year and help the US raise our goal to 125,000 refugees next year
- Encourage positive refugee resettlement and continue to push back against any negative refugee legislation, and
- Help strengthen welcome for asylum seekers

This Toolkit is organized into 6 sections and includes links to specific documents and videos as well as websites dedicated to Refugee Welcome and World Refugee Day, and calls to action to restore and expand refugee welcome.

1. **Refugee Voices** -- Videos and upcoming webinars

2. **Welcome & Resettlement Opportunities** -- Contact information for resettlement offices and educational resources for community sponsorship
3. **Faith Community & Partner World Refugee Day Resources** -- Dedicated web pages and materials for WRD 2021 from multiple faith partners
4. **Worship Materials** -- Prayers, songs, scriptural references
5. **Refugee Advocacy Resources** - Advocacy messages and guidance
6. **Welcoming Asylum Seekers** - Ways your Congregation can offer accompaniment and support asylum seekers.

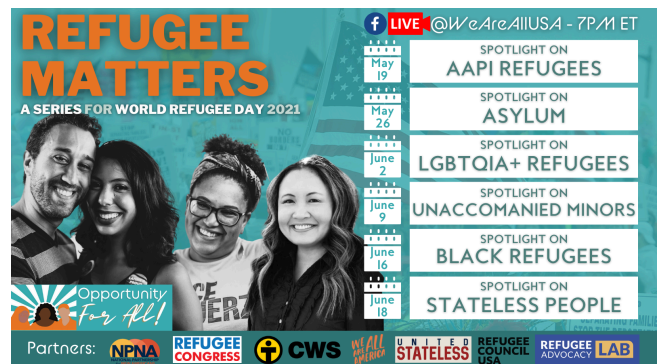
[Register your public World Refugee Day events](#) to share how your congregation and community are planning to honor refugees and World Refugee Day. See also a mapping of all [World Refugee Day actions](#) on the We Are All America site, to find out what is happening near you!

1. **Refugee Voices**

Access life stories directly from refugees here:

[Former Refugees Empowered by Resettlement](#) - LIRS Video (1min 42 sec)

[Hager Ahmad: A Refugee's Story](#) (article)



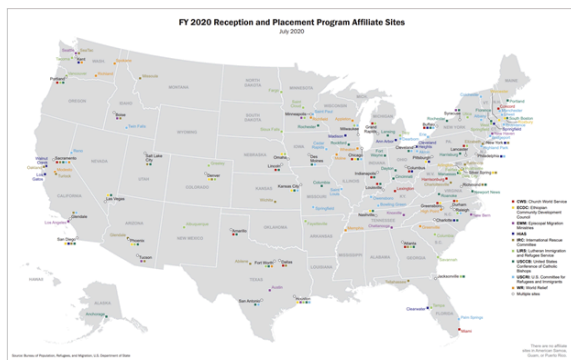
[Refugee Matters series](#) from We Are All America on Wednesdays at 7 p.m.

[Recording of Faith Partners Virtual Faith Faith Vigil](#), from June 14, including testimonies from refugees/asylum seekers/faith partners & resources for how you and your congregation can welcome!



2. Welcome & Resettlement Opportunities

You can find non-profit organizations across the country that need you to partner with them as we receive newly resettled refugees.



[UNHCR Figures at a Glance](#) summary of current global refugee statistics

[R & P Agency Contacts](#) - the 9 national organizations that contract with the U.S. Department of State to receive newly arriving refugees.

[R & P Affiliate Directory](#) provides a state-by-state list of local refugee resettlement offices with contact information

Refugee Council USA [directory](#) of volunteer opportunities - by map and alphabetical by organization.

CWS [Community Sponsorship](#) Manual and Webinar Series recordings

CWS Map of [Affiliate Sites for Refugees & Asylum Assistance](#)

CWS [“Ready to Welcome”](#) Short Video

LIRS Webinar Recording: [Our Call to Care: Restoring Welcome Through Refugee Resettlement](#)

PCUSA [Preparing Welcome guide](#) for congregational study as they anticipate the arrival of refugees.

[RefugeeOne \(Chicago\) Video](#) (58 minute celebration has great stories, power, humor, info re: refugees and welcoming partnerships with refugees.)

Learn the Similarities and Uniquenesses of [Processing Refugees & Asylum Seekers](#).

3. Faith Community & Partner Resources for World Refugee Day

[Ecumenical Declaration: Expand Welcome](#) organized by Church World Service & the National Council of Churches

[Catholic Partners WRD Toolkit and Info](#)

[Catholic World Day of Migrants and Refugees/WDMR](#) (last Sunday in September)

[CWS Rapid Response Refugee Resettlement Toolkit](#)

[Disciples World Refugee Day Resources](#)

[Disciples Refugees Welcome/Restoring Welcome graphics](#)

[Disciples Resettle 62,500 This Year & Raise to 125,000 for Next Postcard](#)

[Refugees Welcome Signs](#)

[Episcopal Migration Ministries WRD Page](#)

[LIRS Virtual Refugee Advocacy Day](#) info: [Register today!](#) to join on June 22, 2021

[Maryknoll Resources for Welcoming Refugees](#)

[PCUSA World Refugee Day Resources](#) - organized into subpages for you to mix & match: worship, learn, serve, advocate and stories of resilience.

[RCUSA World Refugee Day & Juneteenth Toolkits](#)

[UCC World Refugee Day Toolkit](#)

4. Worship Materials

[Disciples of Christ WRD & Refugee Friendship Sunday](#)

EMM Virtual World Refugee Day Prayer Vigil, at: facebook.com/EMMRefugees

[LIRS Worship Service for WRD](#), with refugee voices & Mountain of God Swahili Congregation "Thunder of Praise" Choir

[Maryknoll Refugee Prayer](#)

[Presbyterian Church USA WRD Worship Resources](#)

The United Methodist Church, Global Ministries [Reflective Poems on Migration](#)

[Catholic Lectionary](#) for June 20th

[Protestant/Revised Common Lectionary](#) for June 20th: Includes story of David/Goliath, Jesus crossing over lake/calming storm, Ps. 9 which says “The Lord is a refuge for the oppressed” and “is known by his acts of justice,” and will never forget the needy”

5. Refugee Advocacy Resources

[Ecumenical Declaration](#) from CWS partners, signed by all heads of participating faith communities

[CWS Refugee Advocacy Alert](#) on the CWS site and [here](#) in google doc version.

[Episcopal Church WRD Advocacy Toolkit](#)

[RCUSA Refugee Advocacy Days Asks](#)

[Biden Must Keep Promise to Refugees](#) IIC Press Release & links to faith sign on letters for resettlement of 62,500 refugees this year & 125,000 in FY2022

We are All America [Restoring Welcome Digital Toolkit](#)

[Faith Partners Welcome Refugees Postcard](#) for you to download and send to the Administration at: *President Joe Biden, The White House, 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Washington, DC 20500*, and to your [US Senators](#) and US Representative. Find your [Representative](#), and click on their name for their website with their physical address.

[Tips for On-line Meetings with Members of Congress](#)



6. Welcoming Asylum Seekers

Sign On **by June 21st** to this [Faith Leader Letter](#) and this [Faith Organization Letter](#) urging an end to Title 42.

See this **Welcome With Dignity Faith Vigil Toolkit**, & available for sharing through this short link: bit.ly/IICEndTitle42VigilToolkit.

Join Welcome with Dignity to restore the right to asylum in the U.S. --
<https://welcomewithdignity.org/>

The Interfaith Immigration Coalition Toolkit for Welcoming Asylum Seekers provides information on how you can volunteer individually and as faith communities, including local and national organizations --
<https://www.interfaithimmigration.org/2021/03/29/action-toolkit-welcoming-migrants-march-2021/>