

A photograph of three young children sitting on a light-colored, textured surface, possibly sand or gravel. The child on the left is a young girl with light brown hair, wearing a white knitted sweater over a dark blue shirt and blue jeans. The child in the middle is a young boy with dark, curly hair, wearing a red, blue, and white plaid shirt over a dark shirt and dark pants. The child on the right is a young girl wearing a grey hijab, a light green long-sleeved shirt with small star patterns, and blue jeans. All three children are smiling at the camera. The background is blurred, showing some colorful objects and a fence.

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**The foreigners residing
among you must be
treated as native-born.
Love them as yourself,
for you were foreigners
in Egypt. I am the
Lord your God.
-Leviticus 19:34**

Dear Friends and Colleagues of EMM,

This annual report highlights the work of Episcopal Migration Ministries for the 2019 calendar year. EMM issues this report with the disconcerting knowledge that out of 1.4 million refugees estimated to be in urgent need of resettlement worldwide, only 63,696 were resettled in 2019 through UNHCR, the UN Refugee Agency. Worldwide, 70 million individuals are displaced, and that number grows each day by 37,000 people forced to flee their homes because of conflict and persecution. Among them are nearly 25.9 million refugees, half of whom are under the age of 18.

Behind the numbers and financial data contained in this report, there are hundreds of local individuals from service providers, local government officials, school districts, churches, volunteers and many others who together form a cohort that provides a welcoming experience for refugees and their new neighbors. It is these individual relationships between local community and newcomers that are the backbone of the ministry.

One bright spot to highlight in 2019 is the response EMM had with its Partners in Welcome program in its first year of operation. Partners in Welcome (PiW) is EMM's network of organizations and individuals dedicated to welcoming newcomers, educating communities, and developing advocates. The network now has 377 members from 82 dioceses in 43 states and the District of Columbia.

At EMM, we are thankful for the response to this facet of the ministry. We take this opportunity to say again that you have gifts and talents you can use to welcome your newest neighbors. EMM is here to connect and assist you or your congregation on your journey of discernment with the issue surrounding migration through individual and group volunteer opportunities, and other partnership possibilities. We invite you to join the PiW network.

At the start of the 2020 calendar year, major challenges lie ahead for refugees and asylum-seekers. The Episcopal Church through EMM will continue to offer hope, as it has for over 80 years, in welcome and support for all God's displaced children.

One last note: In 2019, EMM marked a sad occasion. Richard Parkins, the former director of EMM, our colleague and a mentor to many, passed away. He once said that it was friendship which was the greatest need that an Episcopal parish can provide a refugee. I close with his words, "Befriending a refugee helps the process of healing." Join in this ministry and support our efforts, just as Jesus called us to do.

Yours sincerely,



Demetrio Alvero, Director of Operations, Episcopal Migration Ministries

About EMM

Episcopal Migration Ministries, the refugee resettlement ministry of The Episcopal Church, offers welcome and hope to refugee families as they resettle in the United States. Through a private-public partnership and a network of 13 resettlement partners, Episcopal Migration Ministries is a living example of the Church's commitment to welcoming the stranger.



70.8

MILLION

FORCIBLY DISPLACED
PERSONS WORLDWIDE,
MORE THAN HALF
ARE CHILDREN.

41.3

**MILLION
INTERNALLY
DISPLACED
PEOPLE**

25.9

**MILLION
REFUGEES**

3.5

**MILLION
ASYLUM
SEEKERS**

37

THOUSAND

PEOPLE FORCED TO FLEE THEIR
HOMES EVERY DAY BECAUSE OF
PERSECUTION OR VIOLENCE

The 27 countries:



57%

OF REFUGEES
WORLDWIDE CAME
FROM THREE COUNTRIES:



SOUTH SUDAN
2.3
MILLION



AFGHANISTAN
2.7
MILLION



SYRIA
6.7
MILLION

EMM resettled the
following in 2019:

SIV'S

403

INDIVIDUALS

390

AFGHANISTAN

13

IRAQ

REFUGEES

1,602

INDIVIDUALS

1,129

ADULTS

876

MINORS

FROM

2,005

INDIVIDUALS

27

COUNTRIES

IN

14

COMMUNITIES

Afghanistan
Armenia
Belarus
Burma
Burundi
Cameroon
Central African
Republic

Chad
Colombia
Democratic
Republic of Congo
El Salvador
Eritrea
Ethiopia
Guatemala

Honduras
Indonesia
Iran
Iraq
Ivory Coast
Palestinians
(fled from Iraq)

Pakistan
Rwanda
Somalia
Sudan
Syria
Ukraine
Vietnam



Matching Grant Program

10

EMM sites participated in the Matching Grant Program.

808

Individuals EMM enrolled during the program year. They were provided with longer-term employment training, intensive English as a second language (ESL) classes, and job placement assistance.

72%
refugees

5%
asylees

2%
Cuban/Haitian entrants

21%
Special Immigrant Visa holders (SIVs)

85%

Achieved full-time employment and self-sufficiency within six months of arrival in the U.S.



Preferred Communities Program

10
EMM
sites

participated in the Preferred Communities program.

EMM provided support for 537

refugees, asylees, Cuban/Haitian entrants, Amerasians, victims of trafficking, and Special Immigrant Visa holders (SIVs) who arrived with physical disabilities or medical conditions; refugees experiencing social or psychological conditions; single mothers; elderly refugees without family support; LGBTI refugees; HIV-positive refugees; refugees with a history of suicide factors; and youth and young adults without parental support.

Clients were from 23 countries:

Afghanistan
Bhutan
Burma
Columbia
Cuba
Democratic Republic of Congo
El Salvador

Eritrea
Ethiopia
Guatemala
Iran
Iraq
Kazakhstan
Kyrgyzstan
Russia

Rwanda
Sierra Leone
Somalia
Sudan
Syria
Ukraine
Venezuela
Vietnam



Education & Outreach

Episcopal Migration Ministries works daily to teach the values of welcome and inclusion. Through a variety of educational resources, trainings, and online community, EMM supports individuals, congregations, and communities seeking to learn more about how they can welcome newcomers.



PARTNERS
in welcome

EMM's engagement unit launched Partners in Welcome, an online learning community and ministry network for Episcopalians and members of the general public. Partners in Welcome (PiW) is EMM's network of organizations and individuals dedicated to welcoming newcomers, educating communities, and developing advocates. The network has 377 members from 82 dioceses in 43 states and the District of Columbia.



EMM released season two of the Hometown podcast in 2019, which featured interviews with women and men resettled to the U.S. as refugees, the history and background of refugee-producing countries, and spiritual reflections from lay members and clergy across The Episcopal Church. In addition, in-between season episodes included advocacy and policy updates, webinar recordings, and opportunities to get involved in the ministry of welcome. Listeners can subscribe to the podcast on Spotify, SoundCloud, Apple Podcasts, Google Play, and Stitcher and can find episodes and supplemental material on the EMM website blog.

Education & Outreach

Love God, Love Neighbor

EMM hosted abbreviated Love God, Love Neighbor (LGLN) trainings in Chicago, Illinois, and Washington, D.C. in 2019. These two-day trainings focused on the global displacement crisis, United States refugee policy, faith-based advocacy for refugees, and ways to organize to welcome and support refugees.

20

Chicago,
IL training
participants

30

D.C.
participants
from

16

dioceses
attended

36

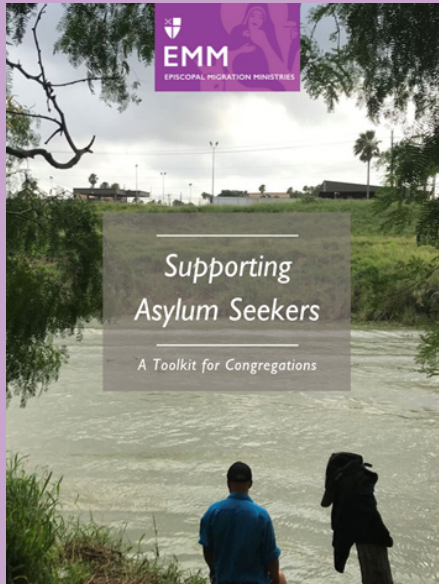
Capitol Hill meetings,
Washington, D.C.



Supporting Asylum Seekers: A Toolkit for Congregations

EMM brought together a volunteer group of practitioners, church volunteers, and former resettlement professionals to produce Supporting Asylum Seekers: A Toolkit for Congregations. This toolkit provides guidance and resources for congregations that want to support asylum seekers and welcome their newest neighbors.

Free digital copies are available here:
episcopalmigrationministries.org/asylum-toolkit

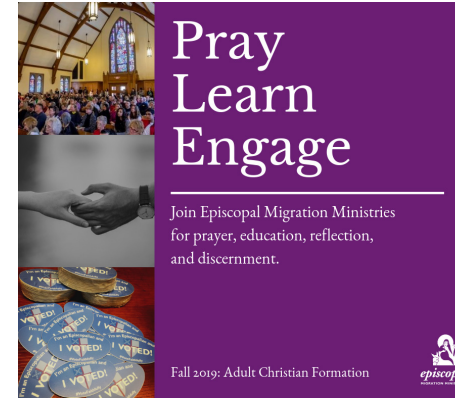


344

people requested this toolkit
from more than

74

Episcopal dioceses,
an Anglican diocese in Mexico,
the Presbyterian Church USA,
two Roman Catholic dioceses,
the Unitarian Universalist
Service Committee, and a
local office of the International
Rescue Committee.



Curriculum and Study Resources

In 2019, EMM offered an Epiphany Bible Study based on Epiphany readings for Revised Common Lectionary Year C.

In addition, individuals, study groups, and congregations were invited to participate in a Pray, Learn, Engage series. This series invited participants to join the Partners in Welcome (PiW) network, take EMM's online courses, and participate in the PiW online learning community and ministry network.

130

congregations requested
the 2019 curriculum

EMM Social Media

 **6,390** Followers

 **1,126** Followers

 **2,511** Followers

Thanks to the generosity of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints,

refugee families across 13 cities in the United States have been welcomed home through gifts of food and furniture.

17 households received tables to use for family dinners, as well as to show hospitality to friends and community members.

153 people received mattresses and bed frames, giving newly arrived families a comfortable and safe place to rest.

In Houston, Texas, food provided by Bishop's Storehouses is used by a women's empowerment group. The group holds cooking classes and is currently creating a cookbook together. As part of the program, each woman receives a gift box of pantry items to stock a kitchen. **124** pillows, **92** chairs, and **40** dressers were given to assist **156** families

Food funds: \$32,684

Furniture funds: \$112,316

Total funds: \$145,000



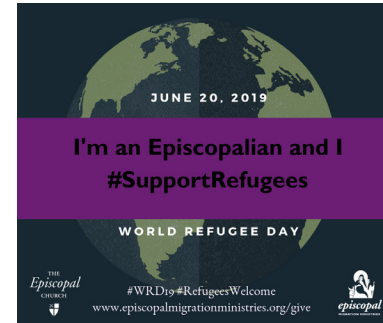
Fundraising

EMM raised funds through direct appeal, social media campaigns, and an EMM-branded apparel/soft goods fundraising campaign.

Income: \$109,313

Distributed: \$11,265 for
Emergency Funds for Clients

Balance: \$98,048 to be used to
support the work of the ministry



World Refugee Day

Episcopal Migration Ministries, in coordination with The Episcopal Church's Office of Government Relations, developed a World Refugee Day Advocacy Toolkit in honor of the courage, strength, and perseverance of refugees worldwide. The digital toolkit offered ways to show support for the children, women, and men forced to flee.



Episcopal Public Policy Network

Episcopal Migration Ministries, through the work of the Episcopal Public Policy Network in the Office of Government Relations of The Episcopal Church, speaks out in support of refugee protection and resettlement. The Episcopal Public Policy Network is the grassroots network of The Episcopal Church, equipping Episcopalians with resources and actions to advocate for refugees, asylum seekers, and immigrants.



Giving



@EMMRefugees

Episcopal Migration Ministries is deeply grateful for all those who give generously to help ensure refugees are welcomed to a place of safety and opportunity.

The commitment of our donors, including individuals, churches, foundations and corporations, is what enables EMM to love our neighbors and give them the welcome that Jesus asks us to give. Your financial support is critical in welcoming those who are waiting for a safe haven, as well as supporting those already resettled. Thank you for your support!

For more information about making a gift, visit [EpiscopalChurch.org/Development](https://www.episcopalchurch.org/Development) or email Development@EpiscopalChurch.org. EMM also accepts gifts in the form of securities. You can also make your tax-deductible gift by calling us at (212) 716-6002 or by mail to:
Episcopal Migration Ministries,
815 Second Avenue,
New York, NY 10017

“When we welcome the stranger, we welcome the Lord God himself. We welcome Jesus,” commented Episcopal Church Presiding Bishop and Primate Michael B. Curry in his 2019 World Refugee Day Message. “... pray, learn about refugees, learn about what you can do, and do whatever you can to help the strangers in our midst.”



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