

"Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for thereby some have entertained angels unawares." -Hebrews 13:2

Dear Friends,

This annual report is a look back at the work of Episcopal Migration Ministries, the refugee resettlement program of The Episcopal Church, and a living example of the Church's commitment to aid the stranger in our midst. In it you will find not only the key facts and figures, but also the main events of the past year.

As of May 2018, an estimated 25.4 million refugees around the globe have fled their homes to escape violence and persecution. Faced with this global challenge, fewer countries are willing to host people fleeing conflict. The United States in 2018 took in the fewest number of refugees in recent history. It is unclear where the growing number of refugees will be able to call home.

However, amidst these challenges there are causes for hope. In 2019, EMM is excited to launch its Partners in Welcome project, a network of individuals, groups, and organizations coming together to build a community of support and solidarity for welcoming newcomers to our country. This network is open to all organizations and individuals dedicated to welcoming newcomers, educating communities, and developing advocates.

As I browse through these pages, I see this networking already happening. It goes on behind the scenes in dedicated staff and volunteers, resilient refugees rebuilding their lives with able program managers, and thoughtful and caring funders forming an interconnected community.

This community reminds me of Joseph Campbell's telling of the myth of the Net of Indra, which is a net of gems, where at every crossing of one thread over another there is a gem reflecting all the other reflective gems. Everything arising in mutual relation to everything else and giving meaning. This interconnected community makes real for me The Episcopal Church's movement to create loving, liberating, and life-giving relationships rooted in compassion.

As you read this report, always keep in mind those most vulnerable among us. In closing, let me take this opportunity on behalf all of us at EMM to thank again our many partners in supporting this noble and life-giving work.

Sincerely,

Demetrio Alvero

Director of Operations

Episcopal Migration Ministries





Episcopal Migration Ministries, the refugee resettlement ministry of The Episcopal Church, offers welcome and hope to refugee families as they resettle in America. 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.

Episcopal Migration Ministries (EMM) lives the call of welcome by supporting refugees, immigrants, and the communities that embrace them as they walk together in The Episcopal Church's movement to create loving, liberating, and life-giving relationships rooted in compassion. EMM's desire to honor the inherent value of human connection brings communities together to love their neighbors as themselves. EMM acts in covenant with individuals and partners to ensure the equity of all voices as they work to serve, engage, and sustain the mission.



FORCIBLY DISPLACED PERSONS WORLDWIDE, OVER HALF ARE CHILDREN.

INTERNALLY DISPLACED PEOPLE

40 25.4 MILLION

REFUGEES

3.1 **MILLION**

> **ASYLUM SEEKERS**



57%

OF REFUGEES WORLDWIDE CAME FROM THREE COUNTRIES:







MILLION

THE FOLLOWING IN 2018

FROM

COUNTRIES

IN

18 COMMUNITIES

1,673

836
ADULTS

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837

MINORS

I,182

SIV'S

491

INDIVIDUALS

INDIVIDUALS

456 AFGHANISTAN **35** IRAQ



AFRICA
DEM. REP. CONGO, 426
ERITREA, III
RWANDA, 2
SOMALIA, 23
ETHIOPIA, 44
SUDAN, 8
CENT. AFRICAN REP., 3
UGANDA, I
BURUNDI, II
NIGER, I
CAMEROON, I
TOTAL 631

EAST ASIA BURMA 209 VIETNAM 14 CHINA I TOTAL 224

EUROPE & CENTRAL ASIA UKRAINE 40 RUSSIA 8 ARMENIA 3 BELARUS 14 MOLDOVA 4

KAZAKHSTAN 4 TOTAL 73

LATIN AMERICA EL SALVADOR 44 HONDURAS 5 COLOMBIA 19 GUATEMALA 2 TOTAL 70

NEAR EAST/ SOUTH ASIA IRAQ 7 BHUTAN 98 AFGHANISTAN 41 SYRIA 12 IRAN 3 PAKISTAN 22 JORDAN I TOTAL 184

MATCHING GRANT

Number of EMM sites that participated in

the Matching

Grant program.

1,025

Refugees, asylees, Cuban/Haitian entrants, Amerasians, victims of trafficking, and Special Immigrant Visa Holders (SIVs) were provided with longer term employment training, intensive ESL and job placement assistance. 1,025

Individuals EMM enrolled during the program year (Oct. 1, 2017 – Dec. 31, 2018).

87%

Achieved full-time employment and selfsufficiency within 6 months of arrival in the US.



PREFERRED COMMUNITIES

I2 EMM sites

participated in the Preferred Communities program in FY 2018.

EMM provided up to a full year of support for 561

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.



EDUCATION & OUTREACH

EMM HOSTED LOVE GOD, LOVE NEIGHBOR

(LGLN), a three-day training funded by a Constable Fund Grant, in Atlanta, GA, and Louisville, KY in 2018. In partnership with The Episcopal Church's Office of Government Relations, Global Partnerships team, and Reconciliation, Justice, and Creation Care team, LGLN provides an in-depth exploration of the global displacement crisis, the United States refugee policy, how refugee resettlement works, faith-based advocacy for refugees, and organizing to welcome and support refugees.





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EDUCATION & OUTREACH



Hometown Podcast

The Hometown podcast launched in February 2018, and features interviews with men and women resettled to the U.S. as refugees, history and current events surrounding the largest recorded forced displacement on record, and reflections from folks across the Church. Listeners can subscribe on SoundCloud, Apple Podcasts, Google Play, and Stitcher, and find episodes and additional material on the EMM website blog.

#SupportRefugees

With the generous support of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, EMM created a #SupportRefugees video highlighting the history of The Episcopal Church's ministry with refugees and the ongoing work of welcome. The video is available at: episcopalmigrationministries.org/supportrefugees



EDUCATION & OUTREACH

79th General Convention

EMM staff attended the 79th General Convention of The Episcopal Church in Austin, Texas in 2018 in partnership with The Episcopal Church's Office of Government Relations, EMM featured an interactive exhibit. encouraged attendees to share why they #SupportRefugees, and coordinated a local Congolese choir performance. EMM partnered with Mad Priest Coffee Roasters to feature the 'EMM Blend', for which EMM received a portion of the proceeds. Mad Priest Coffee Roasters is based in Chattanooga, TN where they also partner with Bridge Refugee Services to work with refugees resettled in the area.













THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER-DAY SAINTS GIFTED EMM

\$61,500 in cash

\$50,000 – Funds distributed to local resettlement sites for critical support services.

\$6,908.50 – Funds to produce the #SupportRefugees video.

\$5,401.50 for developing and showcasing EMM messages

\$200,000 In-Kind Donations

The following affiliate partners received the in-kind donations:

Tucson, AZ
Los Angeles, CA
New Haven, CT
Atlanta, GA
Wichita, KS
New Bern, NC
Syracuse, NY
Chattanooga, TN
Knoxville, TN
Austin, TX
Houston, TX
Seattle, WA





WORLD REFUGEE DAY

EMM partnered with Point of View films, television's longest-running showcase for independent nonfiction films on PBS, to invite communities to host a film screening of one of five films that capture the Syrian refugee crisis from the vantage points of filmmakers around the world. Along with a DVD of the film, POV provided a discussion guide, lesson plan and suggested reading list to help group leaders facilitate community conversations and provide context for the film.

EPISCOPAL MIGRATION MINISTRIES

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 offers advocacy and action opportunities to help you voice your support for refugees.











FUNDRAISING

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

\$161,631.28 raised \$4,844.95 administrative costs \$48,160.76 directly provided \$108,625.57 balance to distribute

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. If we are to keep our doors open and welcome to those who are waiting for a safe haven, as well as support those already resettled, your financial support is critical. Thank you for standing with us!

For more information about making a gift, visit 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







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