

Neighbor to Neighbor Fact Sheet

What is Neighbor to Neighbor?

Neighbor to Neighbor is a program of Episcopal Migration Ministries (EMM) that equips congregations to welcome and accompany asylum seekers and Afghan newcomers through a model known as community sponsorship.

This sounds like something I'm interested in. Can I do this alone?

This is a program for congregations. You'll need a team of 5-10 people with two designated co-chairs of the committee.

I am interested in working with Afghan arrivals. Is this a program where I can do that?

There are two tracks within Neighbor to Neighbor, one in which your congregation may be matched with asylum seekers and another where you may be matched with Afghan parolees. Based on the needs at the time, the Neighbor to Neighbor Program Manager will determine which program best fits your congregation's circumstances and the individuals seeking assistance.

Is Neighbor to Neighbor a one-time volunteer opportunity?

No. Community sponsorship is a long-term commitment. The discernment process may take up to 2-3 months. Training and preparation may take up to 1-2 months before your congregation is ready to be matched with an asylum seeker / family. The time commitment to sponsor a family is a minimum of 6 months, and may be extended depending on the needs of your new neighbor.

Can we hear from someone who has done this before?

[Listen to this audio from St. Mark's Columbus, OH](#)

This sounds like the right fit for my congregation. What do I do next? What is the process?

If your team wants to learn more and get access to the training modules, please fill out an [Initial Interest Form](#). Neighbor to Neighbor Program Manager, the Rev. Chris McNabb will then reach out to invite you and your team to an Information Session via Zoom.

I'm still not sure if this is something that fits my congregation. Is there someone I can talk to?

Please see our FAQ sheet for other questions. If you have questions that aren't included, please email the Neighbor to Neighbor Program Manager, the Rev. Chris McNabb, at cmcnabb@episcopalnetworks.org.

Process Overview

Discernment

Training

Readiness

Matching &
Sponsorship