



# Week of Compassion

## World Refugee Sunday - June 18th



*Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it (Hebrews 13:2)*

At this critical time, when more people are living as refugees than at any point since World War II, you and your congregation are invited to stand for welcome by taking part in [Refugee and Immigration Welcome Sunday](#) on June 18, 2017.

Whether residing in camps in the Middle East or newly resettled in a host country, refugees often need assistance with essentials like food and warm clothes, as well as education and health.

As followers of Christ, we are called to practice hospitality (Rom. 12:13), feed the hungry, clothe the naked, and welcome the stranger (Matthew 25:35). But, as countries close their borders to refugees and threaten to cut resources for refugee support, the challenges refugees face multiply, making now a particularly urgent moment for Christian communities to heed this call.

Do so by joining Week of Compassion, Disciples' Refugee and Immigration Ministries and our broader ecumenical church community on this national day of education and action. We will collectively show compassion for the more than 21 million people who are living as refugees today by telling their stories and prayerfully engaging in Bible study on topics related to migration and welcome, whether in Sunday School, during worship or through special events. Our partners at Church World Service have provided [these planning resources](#) to help get you started.

Stay tuned also for stories about our Disciples connected refugees and immigrants, which are currently being gathered for sharing around Refugee & Immigrant Welcoming Sunday. And contribute your OWN stories of refugees and immigrants related to your church family [here!](#)

Together, we can help ensure that everyone who is in need of a safe place to live, free of threats of persecution, has one. Having these conversations, becoming educated and prayerfully discerning action is crucial to this goal.

Join us as we come together, inspired and unified by the radical hospitality of Jesus Christ, to show welcome to refugees and embody this hospitality in our local communities.

Be sure to [SIGN UP HERE](#) to let Refugee and Immigration Ministries know how your congregation will be honoring refugees and immigrants on June 18.

We love to hear how you carry out the work of compassion in your local community!

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