

**35<sup>th</sup> Craigville Theological Colloquy**  
**Building Bridges: Immigrants, Refugees, and the Church**



**A bibliography of resources for use in congregations**

*This valuable collection of resources is for use in congregations and communities as they learn about and engage with migrants and refugees. Learn, teach and make the journey with newcomers that is mutually transformative for the refugee, the migrant and those that receive them.*

### **The Craigville Theological Colloquy,**

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The Craigville Theological Colloquy is a unique opportunity for pastors, teachers, seminarians and laity to share a week in theological conversation and Bible reflection on a subject of importance. Decidedly ecumenical, the Colloquy is an experience that feeds the mind and heart. The week includes: keynote presentations, workshops, small-group conversation and daily Bible reflection that help attendees explore the subject in depth. Two ecumenical worship services with Holy Communion, morning and evening prayer in a meditative style, Taizé Vespers and sacred music provide inspiration with praise and song. Colloquy is also an opportunity to relax with friends (old and new): afternoons offer free time to explore Cape Cod, take walks through the woods, or while away the hours on Craigville Beach. And there is always great food and meaningful conversation.

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## Books and Study Guides

### Non-Fiction

They Are Us: Lutherans and Immigration, Stephen Bouman and Ralston Deffenbaugh, Augsburg Fortress, 2009

*Examining the Christian calling to welcome the stranger.*

My Neighbor is Muslim, Lutheran Social Services of Minnesota, Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service, 2015; free download at [www.lirs.org/myneighborismuslim](http://www.lirs.org/myneighborismuslim)

*A seven-part congregational study guide to help Christians learn about our Muslim neighbors.*

First Steps: An LIRS Guide for Refugees, Asylum Seekers and Migrants Released from Detention, Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service, 2014; free download in English and Spanish at: <https://www.lirs.org/first-steps>

*A comprehensive guide to assist refugees, asylum seekers and migrant released from detention. 295 pages.*

Enrique's Journey, Sonia Nazario, Penguin Random House, 2006 (study guide available)

*Enrique's Journey recounts the unforgettable quest of a Honduran boy looking for his mother, eleven years after she is forced to leave her starving family to find work in the United States. Braving unimaginable peril, often clinging to the sides and tops of freight trains, Enrique travels through hostile worlds full of thugs, bandits, and corrupt cops. But he pushes forward, relying on his wit, courage, hope, and the kindness of strangers.*

Immigrant Neighbors Among Us: Immigration Across Theological Traditions, edited by M. Daniel Carroll R. and Leopoldo A. Sanchez M., Pickwick Publications, 2015 (questions for dialogue with each chapter)  
*How do different Christian denominations in the United States approach immigration issues?*

Seeking Refuge: On the Shores of the Global Refugee Crisis, Stephan Bauman, Matthew Soerens and Dr. Issam Smeir, Moody Publishers, 2016

*An evangelical perspective on the plight of refugees and the extraordinary opportunity we have to love our neighbors as ourselves.*

A Promised Land, A Perilous Journey: Theological Perspectives on Migration, edited by Daniel G. Groody and Gioacchino Campese, University of Notre Dame Press, 2008

*This collection of interdisciplinary essays focus on the particular issues of immigration across the U.S.-Mexico border.*

Bishops on the Border: Pastoral Responses to Immigration, Mark Adams, Minerva Carcano, Gerald Kicanas, Kirk Smith, and Stephen Talmadge, Morehouse Publishing, 2013

*Five bishops from different Christian denominations reflect on their experience working on the Arizona border.*

Christians at the Border: Immigration, the Church and the Bible, M. Daniel Carroll R., Baker Academic, 2008

Neighbor: Christian Encounters With “Illegal Immigration”, Ben Daniel, Westminster John Knox Press, 2010 (includes study questions)

*Thoughtful guidance for individuals and congregations struggling to articulate a faithful response to the immigration debate.*

Strangers in This World: Multireligious Reflections on Immigration, edited by Hussam S. Timania, Allen G. Jorgenson, and Alexander Y. Hwang, Fortress Press, 2015

*Scholars reflect on the religious, political, anthropological, and social realities of immigration through the prism of the historical and theological resources, insights, and practices across an array of religious traditions.*

Welcoming the Stranger: Justice, Compassion & Truth in the Immigration Debate, Matthew Soerens and Jenny Hwang, IVP Books, 2009 (includes discussion questions)

*An excellent overview by faith-based authors that offers a Christian response to immigration.*

Re-Creating America: The Ethics of U.S. Immigration Policy in a Christian Perspective, Dana Wilbanks, Abingdon Press, 1996.

The New Americans: Seven Families Journey to Another Country, Ruben Martinez, New Press, 2004

Of Beetles & Angels: A Boy’s Remarkable Journey from a Refugee Camp to Harvard, Mawi Asegdom, Little, Brown and Company, 2001

Just Like Us: The True Story of Four Mexican Girls Coming of Age in America, Helen Thorpe, Scribner, 2009

The Displaced: Refugee Writers on Refugee Lives, edited by Viet Thanh, Abrams Press, 2018

*A powerful new collection of essays by refugee writers.*

The Distance Between Us, Reyna Grande, Washington Square Press, 2013

*Reyna Grande vividly brings to life her tumultuous early years in this “compelling . . . unvarnished, resonant” (BookPage) story of a childhood spent torn between two parents and two countries. As her parents make the dangerous trek across the Mexican border to “El Otro Lado” (The Other Side) in pursuit of the American dream, Reyna and her siblings are forced into the already overburdened household of their stern grandmother. When their mother at last returns, Reyna prepares for her own journey to “El Otro Lado” to live with the man who has haunted her imagination for years, her long-absent father.*

Immigration and the Bible: A Guide for Radical Welcome, Joan Marushkin, General Board of Global Mission, 2008

This book can be ordered from:

<https://www.umwmissionresources.org/search.asp?searchString=immigration+and+the+bible>

A Nation of Immigrants, John F. Kennedy, Harper Perennial, 1964

*Throughout his presidency, John F. Kennedy was passionate about the issue of immigration reform. He believed that America is a nation of people who value both tradition and the exploration of new frontiers, people who deserve the freedom to build better lives for themselves in their adopted homeland. This modern edition offers the late president's inspiring suggestions for immigration policy and presents a chronology of the main events in the history of immigration in America.*

Trails of Hope and Terror: Testimonies on Immigration, Miguel A. De La Torre, Orbis Books, 2009

Jesus Was a Migrant, Deidre Cornell, Orbis Books, 2014;

*A moving and spiritually grounded presentation of the value to the United States of migrants, immigrants, and refugees.*

Just Hospitality: God's Welcome in a World of Difference, Letty Russell, Westminster John Knox Press, 2009

Reaching Out: The Three Movements of the Spiritual Life, Henri Nouwen, Image, 1986

Exclusion and Embrace: A Theological Exploration of Identity, Otherness, and Reconciliation, Miroslav Volf, Abingdon Press, 1996

Migrant Stories of Hope and Resilience (comic book), Kino Border Initiative, 2018, free download in English and Spanish; <https://ignatiansolidarity.net/campaignforhospitality/2017/09/13/comic-book-migrant-stories-hope-resilience/>

*This comic book presents a range of migrant accounts that encourage readers to identify with the challenges migrants face, question assumptions about their lives and reasons for migrating, and tackle the complicated questions posed by our current immigration system. The stories give narrative life to the threats of violence experienced in home countries, extortion wielded at the border, the effects of militarization, and the impact of family separation, among other scenarios.*

Among the Living and the Dead: A Tale of Exile and Homecoming on the War Roads of Europe, Inara Verzemnieks, Norton, 2017

Outcasts United: An American Town, a Refugee Team, and One Woman's Quest to Make a Difference, Warren St. John, Spiegel & Grau, 2009

*The extraordinary tale of a refugee youth soccer team and the transformation of a small American town.*

The Newcomers: Finding Refuge, Friendship, and Hope in an American Classroom, Helen Thorpe, Scribner, 2017

Hospitality as Holiness: Christian Witness Amid Moral Diversity, Luke Bretherton, Burlington, VT: Ashgate Publishing, 2006

Adieu to Emmanuel Levinas, Jacques Derrida, translated by Pascale-Anne Brault and Michael Naaz. Stanford, CA: Stanford University Press, 1999;

*An "immense treatise of hospitality," a meditation on the welcome offered to the other. The conjunction of an ethics of pure prescription with the idea of an infinite and absolute hospitality confronts us with the most pressing political, juridical, and institutional concerns of our time. What, then, is an ethics and what is a politics of hospitality? And what, if it ever is, would be a hospitality surpassing any ethics and any politics we know?*

Politics of Friendship, Jacques Derrida, translated by George Collings, New York: Verso, 1997

Of Hospitality, Jacques Derrida and Anne Dufourmantelle, translated by Rachel Bowlby, Stanford, CA: Stanford University Press, 2000

Invention of the Americas: Eclipse of “the Other” and the Myth of Modernity, Enrique Dussel, translated by Michael D. Barber, New York: Continuum, 1995

Galilean Journey: The Mexican-American Promise, revised and expanded edition, Virgilio, Maryknoll, NY: Orbis, 2007

Communion at Friendship Park: Liturgy and Politics at the U.S.-Mexican Border, Jamie Gates, presented at annual meetings of the Society of Christian Ethics, San Jose, CA, January 9, 2010

Border of Death, Valley of Life: An Immigrant Journey of Heart and Spirit, Daniel G. Groody, New York: Rowman & Littlefield Publishers, Inc., 2002

New Testament Hospitality: Partnership with Strangers as Promise and Mission, John Koenig, Minneapolis, MN: Augsburg Fortress Press, 1985

Untamed Hospitality: Welcoming God and Other Strangers, Elizabeth Newman, Grand Rapids, MI: Brazos Press, 2007

And You Welcomed Me: A Sourcebook on Hospitality in Early Christianity, Amy G. Oden, ed., Nashville, TN: Abingdon Press, 2001

God’s Welcome: Hospitality for a Gospel-Hungry World, Amy G. Ogden, Cleveland, OH: Pilgrim Press, 2008

Church in the Round: Feminist Interpretation of the Church, Letty M. Russell, Louisville, KY: Westminster John Knox Press, 1993

Practicing Theology: Beliefs and Practices in Christian Life, Miroslav Volf and Dorothy C. Bass, eds., Grand Rapids, MI: William B. Eerdmans, 2002

Devil’s Highway, Luis Alberto Urrea, Back Bay Books, Little, Brown and Company, 2004;  
*In May 2001, a group of men attempted to cross the Mexican border into the desert of southern Arizona, through the deadliest region of the continent, the “Devil’s Highway.” Three years later, Luis Alberto Urrea wrote about what happened to them.*

The Morning They Came for Us, Janine Di Giovanni, Liveright Publishing Corporation, A Division of W.W. Norton & Company, 2016;  
*A journalist’s reporting of the dire circumstances that “ordinary people” face in the ruthless war in Syria. It is also a testament to the resilience of the human spirit.*

## Fiction

Across a Hundred Mountains, Reyna Grande, Washington Square Press, 2007  
*Winner of the American Book Award, this book is a stunning and poignant novel about a young girl who leaves her small town in Mexico to find her father, who left his family to find work in America—a story of migration, loss, and discovery.*

The Refugees, Viet Thanh Nguyen, Grove, 2017

*Viet Thanh Nguyen, author of the Pulitzer Prize-winning novel The Sympathizer, was born in Vietnam and came to the United States with his family as a refugee in 1975. Dedicated to “all refugees, everywhere,” The Refugees is a selection of nine stories from Nguyen’s 20 years of writing. Set within California’s Vietnamese community or in Vietnam, these tales display an extraordinary range of perspectives stretched between two worlds, as parents and children grapple with memories that comfort or haunt.*

Behold the Dreamers, Imbolo Mbue, Random House, 2016

*This beautiful novel is about an African family starting a new life in a new land offers tremendous insight into people who still come to our shores in search of the American dream.*

Lucky Boy, Shanthi Sekaran, Putnam, 2016

*Kavya and Rishi Reddy, successful Indian-American immigrants living in a charming Berkeley bungalow, have the sort of life that Checo and Soli are hoping for as they set out to cross the border from Mexico. Yet Checo and Soli, teenagers with little more than uncompromising determination and invincible spirit, have the one thing that Kavya and Rishi do not. Ignacio El Viento Castro Valdez, conceived somewhere in the deserts of Mexico, is the lucky boy that unites the two couples’ stories.*

Exit West, Mohsin Hamid, Riverhead, 2017

*Hamid adds a dash of gentle magic to his tale of refugees and matters of the heart. In a Middle Eastern country on the brink of civil war, Nadia and Saeed fall in love. But soon they must flee their ruined homeland, passing through a doorway that acts as a portal to another city. As they journey around the world, the bonds of love are both forged and tested by displacement and survival.*

Refuge, Dina Nayeri, Riverhead Books, 2017

*Nayeri moved to America when she was 10 years old, and the protagonist of her second novel makes a similar move, except she leaves her father behind. Over the course of 20 years, the daughter and father build a relationship through four visits, each in a different city. The more their lives diverge, the more they come to rely on each other—especially when the daughter becomes involved in the present-day refugee crisis.*

## Study Guides

Dialogues On: The Refugee Crisis, Sparkhouse, 2018:

*A Facilitator Guide (\$ 24.99), Learner Book (\$ 9.99), and DVD (\$ 29.99)*

*This curriculum contains topics for eight weeks of discussion in your small group for adults.*

Journey with Me: Refugee Stories That Change Lives, Facilitator Guide, Center for Public Dialogue and Office of Social Justice, Christian Reformed Church in North America;

[https://www.crcna.org/sites/default/files/journey\\_with\\_me\\_facilitators\\_guide\\_-\\_ecumenical\\_version.pdf](https://www.crcna.org/sites/default/files/journey_with_me_facilitators_guide_-_ecumenical_version.pdf)

Journey with Me: Refugee Stories that Change Lives, Participant Workbook, Center for Public Dialogue and Office of Social Justice, Christian Reformed Church in North America;

[https://www.crcna.org/sites/default/files/journey\\_with\\_me\\_participant\\_workbook\\_-\\_ecumenical\\_version.pdf](https://www.crcna.org/sites/default/files/journey_with_me_participant_workbook_-_ecumenical_version.pdf)

God's People: A People on the Move: A resource for churches in solidarity with uprooted people, KAIROS Canada, 2012; [https://www.kairoscanada.org/wp-content/uploads/2012/04/DR-MJ-GodsPeople\\_merged.pdf](https://www.kairoscanada.org/wp-content/uploads/2012/04/DR-MJ-GodsPeople_merged.pdf)

*A comprehensive ecumenical toolkit that is designed to promote faith-based reflection on migrant rights in Canada. Each fact sheet consists of an easy-to-read introduction to an issue, a bible study, and action ideas. Geared to adults and older youth, the ten fact sheets are ideal for use in facilitating a Bible study, coffee hour discussion or Sunday school class. Alternatively, they can also be used as a starting point for developing a workshop on migration issues.*

Living As Spirit Blessed Communities, Interfaith Immigration Coalition, <http://www.interfaithimmigration.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/05/Living-as-Spirit-Blessed-Communities-Devotions-with-Briefs-2017.pdf>

*A series of daily devotions and accompanying policy briefs.*

Study Guide: As the Citizen Among Us Loving the Immigrant as Ourselves, by Rebecca Baik, Evangelicals for Social Action, 2015; <https://www.evangelicalsforsocialaction.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/02/Engage-As-the-Citizen-Among-Us.pdf>

Congregational Study/Action Issue Guide: Immigration as a Moral Issue, Unitarian Universalist Association;

<https://www.uua.org/immigration/re/moral/guide>

*Six week curriculum, resources.*

Refugee Resettlement Toolkit, Presbyterian Church USA;

<http://oga.pcusa.org/media/uploads/oga/pdf/refugeepacket.pdf>

*Issue, quiz, movie night, discussing a faithful response, legislative action, hosting a speaker, direct services, resources.*

U.S. Immigration Detention Toolkit, Presbyterian Church USA;

<http://oga.pcusa.org/media/uploads/oga/pdf/detentionpacket.pdf>

*Issue, quiz, movie night, discussing a faithful response, legislative action, hosting a speaker, direct services, resources.*

Fostering Welcoming Communities Through Dialogue, Welcoming America;

<https://www.welcomingamerica.org/content/fostering-welcoming-communities-through-dialogue>

*This guide is a tool that was developed by the Public Conversations Project for Welcoming America. This will help you plan a dialogue, which Welcoming America believes is a key part of any Welcoming initiative.*

Advancing the Discourse on Immigration in Faith-Based Communities (webinar), Welcoming America;

<https://www.welcomingamerica.org/content/advancing-discourse-immigration-faith-based-communities>

*Join Welcoming America, Active Voice, and Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service to learn about the new ONWARD Project. ONWARD is a story and data project to help faith-based leaders engage their communities around one of the most pressing issues today. In this webinar, you will learn about all the films, stories, and resources ONWARD has to offer and how you can integrate them into your work.*

America Needs All of Us: A Toolkit for Talking About Bias, Race and Change, Welcoming America;  
<https://www.welcomingamerica.org/content/america-needs-all-us>

*This toolkit was created to be a communications resource for those working in the field of immigration and immigrant integration. It provides practical messaging tools and strategies that address people's fears, anxieties, and prejudices head on. In that way, the messages in the toolkit are particularly designed to talk to those whose minds are not yet made up about immigration and the changes they may be seeing in their community.*

Welcoming + Race (webinar), Welcoming America;  
<https://www.welcomingamerica.org/content/welcoming-race-0>

*This webinar will discuss the intersection of race and the Welcoming Framework. Participants will examine the importance of using a racial equity lens and learn strategies for applying this lens in their welcoming work.*

Neighbors Together: Promising Practices to Strengthen Relations with Refugees and Muslims, Welcoming America; <https://www.welcomingamerica.org/content/neighbors-together>  
*This toolkit provides promising practices to counter anti-refugee and anti-Muslim backlash and work towards a positive vision for our communities. These promising practices demonstrate how: building meaningful contact between diverse populations; positive communications strategies; and engaging civic and community leaders can help create a climate in which all people can thrive.*

Neighbors Together: Promising Practices to Strengthen Relations with Muslims and Refugees (webinar), Welcoming America; <https://www.welcomingamerica.org/content/neighbors-together-promising-practices-recorded-webinar>

*In this Welcoming Refugees webinar, we released our new toolkit of tips and promising practices, "Neighbors Together: Promising Practices to Strengthen Relations with Refugees and Muslims." The webinar highlighted the efforts of several communities to counter anti-refugee backlash and welcome newcomers.*

Welcoming Week Toolkit (Sept. 14-23, 2018), Welcoming America;  
[https://www.welcomingamerica.org/sites/default/files/WW%20Toolkit%202018%20FINAL\\_0.pdf](https://www.welcomingamerica.org/sites/default/files/WW%20Toolkit%202018%20FINAL_0.pdf)

## Children and Youth

Dana's Story, PositiveNegatives;

Comic: <http://positivenegatives.org/comics-animations/danas-story-2/danas-story/>

*This comic is a first person illustrated testimony about the difficulties that a refugee mother faced on her long difficult journey to Serbia, fleeing ISIS controlled Syria. Dana's husband was kidnapped, presumed killed, by ISIS and subsequently fled with her two young children. We spoke to Dana and her children in refugee camps in Serbia in July 2016. The comic explores the vulnerabilities and dangers that war widows, and women in general, face while making these horrendous journeys with young children. These vulnerabilities increase particularly with women travelling alone, putting them at escalated risk of gender-based violence.*

Fleeing in to the Unknown: A Journey from Eritrea to England, Positive Negatives;

Comic: <http://positivenegatives.org/comics-animations/fleeing-into-the-unknown/comic/>

*This comic illustrates the journey of Merha, who escapes the extreme hardship of conscription in Eritrea and crosses Africa and Europe to reach safety in the UK.*

Meet the Somalis, PositiveNegatives;

14 comics: <http://positivenegatives.org/comics-animations/meet-the-somalis/meet-the-somalis-comics/>

*This series of fourteen comics, based on personal testimonies, highlights integration issues of the Somali communities across seven cities of Europe - London, Leicester, Amsterdam, Copenhagen, Malmo, Oslo and Helsinki.*

Nadia's Story, PositiveNegatives;

Comic: <http://positivenegatives.org/comics-animations/nadias-story-2/comic/>

*This comic is a first person illustrated testimony about the difficulties that a Yazidi refugee mother faced on her long difficult journey to Serbia, fleeing ISIS controlled Iraq. Nadia's fled whilst heavily pregnant with her two young children. We spoke to Nadia and her children in refugee camps in Serbia in July 2016. The comic explores the vulnerabilities and dangers women face while making these horrendous journeys with young children. These vulnerabilities increase particularly with women travelling alone, putting them at escalated risk of gender-based violence.*

Sea Prayer, Khaled Hosseini, Riverhead Books, 2018;

*A short, powerful, illustrated book written by beloved novelist Khaled Hosseini in response to the current refugee crisis, Sea Prayer is composed in the form of a letter, from a father to his son, on the eve of their journey. Watching over his sleeping son, the father reflects on the dangerous sea-crossing that lies before them. It is also a vivid portrait of their life in Homs, Syria, before the war, and of that city's swift transformation from a home into a deadly war zone.*

Carmela Full of Wishes, Matt de la Pena, G.P. Putnam's Sons Books for Young Readers, 2018, ages 3-5;  
*On her birthday, Carmela finds a dandelion. What will she wish for? More than anything, she wants her father's papers to get fixed so he can join her family again.*

The Little Refugee, Anh Do and Suzanne Do, Allen & Unwin Book Publishers, 2011, ages 4-8;

*Anh Do, one of Australia's top comedians, tells his immigration story in this gorgeously illustrated book. He recounts his family's escape from Vietnam, a treacherous journey by boat, and the trials of adapting to Australian life.*

Coming to America, Betsy Maestro, Scholastic, 1996, ages 4-8

*Covering the native peoples' journey across the Bering Strait, the Atlantic slave trade, and modern immigration tales, this book explores American immigration stories from many different walks of life.*

From Far Away, Robert Munsch and Saoussan Askar, Annick Press, Limited, 2017, ages 4-7;

*This book tells the story of Saoussan and her family as they immigrate from Lebanon to Canada. Once there, she learns to cope with language barriers and new cultural traditions.*

One Green Apple, Eve Bunting, Houghton Mifflin Harcourt, 2006, ages 5-8;

*A young Muslim immigrant, Farah struggles to connect with her new classmates. But a class trip to an apple orchard helps her find that sense of belonging.*

Two White Rabbits, Jairo Buitrago, Groundwood Books, 2015, ages 4-7;  
*As she and her father travel north toward the US border, a young girl tries to make sense of this long journey. It's a fascinating look at the refugee experience from the perspective of a child.*

Stepping Stones, Margriet Ruurs, Orca Book Publishers, 2016, ages 4-8;  
*Using the stunning artwork of Nizar Ali Badr, Margriet Ruurs tells the story of the Syrian refugee crisis. Rama and her family's journey is captured in intense emotion.*

Her Right Foot, Dave Eggers, Chronicle Books, 2017, ages 6-9;  
*Eggers uses this fun book to examine the Statue of Liberty, and address the fact that she's depicted in mid-stride. He uses this symbol to examine the acceptance that should be at the core of America. He muses on this nation of immigrants in a thoughtful and kid-friendly way.*

Refugees and Migrants, Ceri Roberts, Barron's Educational Series, 2017, ages 8-12;  
*Immigration is a complicated topic, but this non-fiction book explains it in a simple and sensitive way. Filled with engaging comparisons and well-researched text, this book is carefully crafted for younger readers.*

Nowhere Boy, Katherine Marsh, Roaring Brook Press, 2018, ages 10-14;  
*After fleeing Aleppo, Syria, for Brussels, Belgium, young teenager Ahmed feels out of place and uncertain. But after meeting Max, another teenager from Washington, DC, the two form a friendship in this new place. It's a story about resilience and the human connections that matter so much.*

The Journey, Francesca Sanna, Nobrow Ltd., 2016, ages 3-7;  
*With haunting echoes of the current refugee crisis this beautifully illustrated book explores the unimaginable decisions made as a family leave their home and everything they know to escape the turmoil and tragedy brought by war.*

Stormy Seas: Stories of Young Boat Refugees, Mary Beth Leatherdale, 2017, Annick Press, ages 10-12;  
*The phenomenon of desperate refugees risking their lives to reach safety is not new. For hundreds of years, people have left behind family, friends, and all they know in hope of a better life. This book presents five true stories about young people who lived through the harrowing experience of setting sail in search of asylum: Ruth and her family board the St. Louis to escape Nazism; Phu sets out alone from war-torn Vietnam; José tries to reach the U.S. from Cuba; Najeeba flees Afghanistan and the Taliban; Mohamed, an orphan, runs from his village on the Ivory Coast.*

Refugee, Alan Gratz, Scholastic Press, 2017, ages 9-12;  
*JOSEF is a Jewish boy living in 1930s Nazi Germany. With the threat of concentration camps looming, he and his family board a ship bound for the other side of the world . . .  
ISABEL is a Cuban girl in 1994. With riots and unrest plaguing her country, she and her family set out on a raft, hoping to find safety in America . . .  
MAHMOUD is a Syrian boy in 2015. With his homeland torn apart by violence and destruction, he and his family begin a long trek toward Europe . . .  
All three kids go on harrowing journeys in search of refuge. All will face unimaginable dangers -- from drownings to bombings to betrayals. But there is always the hope of tomorrow. And although Josef, Isabel, and Mahmoud are separated by continents and decades, shocking connections will tie their stories together in the end. This action-packed novel tackles topics both timely and timeless: courage, survival, and the quest for home.*

## Films

Human Flow, directed by Ai Weiwei, 2017, 145 minutes, <https://www.humanflow.com/>

*Over 65 million people around the world have been forced from their homes to escape famine, climate change and war in the greatest human displacement since World War II. Human Flow, an epic film journey led by the internationally renowned artist Ai Weiwei, gives a powerful visual expression to this massive human migration. The documentary elucidates both the staggering scale of the refugee crisis and its profoundly personal human impact.*

Refugee, Alexander Farrell, 2018

<http://www.rsafilms.com/uk/directors/film-and-tv-directors/alexander-farrell/showreel/>

*A ground-breaking feature length documentary titled 'Refugee', records the perilous journey travelled by Syrian refugees. Following the unique story of the Alali family during their struggle to migrate from Syria into the safety of Europe, alongside other stories of the people travelling through the main 'migrant routes' into northern Europe. Filmed over a year, across ten countries, the film intimately documents the dangers of illegal migration, the conditions of refugee camps, and bureaucracy associated with re-unification. 'Refugee' is set for a late 2018 release.*

The Visitor, directed by Thomas McCarthy, Overture Films, 2008, 104 minutes

(study guide at <http://www.chicagofilmfestival.com/wp-content/uploads/2014/12/The-Visitor.pdf>)

*When a professor returns to his apartment in New York, he finds Tarek Khalil, a Syrian musician, and Zainab, a Senegalese street vendor, living there. He sympathizes with the situation of the illegal immigrants and invites the couple to stay with him. Tarek invites him to go to his gig at Jules Live Jazz. Walter is fascinated with his African drum and Tarek offers to teach Walter to play the drum. However, after an incident in the subway, Tarek is arrested by the police and sent to a detention center for illegal immigrants.*

First They Killed My Father, directed by Angelina Jolie, Netflix, 2017, 96 minutes

*This film is a Cambodian–American Khmer biographical historical thriller film directed by Angelina Jolie and written by Jolie and Loung Ung, based on Ung's memoir of the same name. Set in 1975, the film depicts 7-year-old Ung who is forced to be trained as a child soldier while her siblings are sent to labor camps during the Communist Khmer Rouge regime.*

A Better Life, directed by Chris Weitz, 2011, 98 minutes

*Carlos Galindo (Demián Bichir), a Mexican illegal immigrant and veteran Los Angeles day laborer, has trouble connecting with his son, Luis (José Julián), whose gang-affiliated girlfriend is tempting him to ignore his father's example of clean living. Carlos buys a truck to begin working as a self-employed man and earn more money, but when it is stolen, his hopes for a more affluent life are dashed. Unable to turn to the police for help, father and son embark on a quest to find the vehicle.*

Another News Story, directed by Orban Wallace, Gallivant Film, 2017, 86 minutes

*What happens when the news cameras turn off? Another News Story reveals the action behind the cameras of news teams tasked with reporting the refugee crisis and turning it into breaking news.*

Mediterranea, directed by Jonas Carpignano, 2015, 107 minutes

*Two African migrants (Koudous Seihon, Alassane Sy) face hostility and violence as they try to make better lives for themselves in Italy.*

The Boat Is Full, directed by Markus Imhoof, 104 minutes

*During World War II, "neutral" Switzerland closed its borders to immigrants, effectively becoming a conspirator in the Holocaust. This Academy Award-nominated drama looks at that phenomenon on a human level. A group of six illegal immigrants, five Jews and one deserting Nazi soldier, cross the Swiss border during the night. They find refuge at an inn, and pose as a German family. However, village spies watch their every move, as the threat of deportation -- and certain death -- always looms.*

Hotel Rwanda, directed by Terry George, 2004, 122 minutes

*Paul Rusesabagina (Don Cheadle), a Hutu, manages the Hôtel des Mille Collines and lives a happy life with his Tutsi wife (Sophie Okonedo) and their three children. But when Hutu military forces initiate a campaign of ethnic cleansing against the Tutsi minority, Paul is compelled to allow refugees to take shelter in his hotel. As the U.N. pulls out, Paul must struggle alone to protect the Tutsi refugees in the face of the escalating violence later known as the Rwandan genocide.*

Welcome, directed by Philippe Lioret, 2009, 110 minutes

*Bilal is 17 years old, a Kurdish boy from Iraq. He sets off on an adventure-filled journey across Europe. He wants to get to England to see his love who lives there. Bilal finally reaches Calais, but how do you cover 32 kilometers of the English Channel when you can't swim? The boy soon discovers that his trip won't be as easy as he imagined... The community of struggling illegal aliens in Calais is captured with authenticity, from the point of view of people who arrived there knowing nothing about France.*

Le Havre, directed by Aki Kaurismaki, 2011, 93 minutes

*When an African boy arrives by cargo ship in the port city of Le Havre, an aging shoe shiner takes pity on the child and welcomes him into his home.*

The Killing Fields, directed by Roland Joffe, 1984, 144 minutes

*New York Times reporter Sydney Schanberg (Sam Waterston) is on assignment covering the Cambodian Civil War, with the help of local interpreter Dith Pran (Haing S. Ngor) and American photojournalist Al Rockoff (John Malkovich). When the U.S. Army pulls out amid escalating violence, Schanberg makes exit arrangements for Pran and his family. Pran, however, tells Schanberg he intends to stay in Cambodia to help cover the unfolding story -- a decision he may regret as the Khmer Rouge rebels move in.*

Under the Same Moon (La Misma Luna), directed by Patricia Riggen, Fox Searchlight, 2008, 106 minutes (study guide at

[https://www.tfiny.org/images/uploads/film\\_files/La%2BMisma%2BLuna%2BStudy%2BGuide.pdf](https://www.tfiny.org/images/uploads/film_files/La%2BMisma%2BLuna%2BStudy%2BGuide.pdf))

*This film tells the parallel stories of nine-year-old Carlitos and his mother, Rosario. In the hopes of providing a better life for her son, Rosario works illegally in the U.S. while her mother cares for Carlitos back in Mexico. Unexpected circumstances drive both Rosario and Carlitos to embark on their own journeys in a desperate attempt to reunite.*

The Other Side of Hope, directed by Aki Kaurismaki, 2017, 100 minutes

*A poker-playing restaurateur and former travelling salesman befriends a group of refugees that has recently arrived in Finland.*

Dheepan, directed by Jacques Audiard, 2015, 155 minutes

*Three Sri Lankan refugees (Jesuthasan Antonythasan, Kalieaswari Srinivasan, Claudine Vinasithamby) pretend to be a family as they try to make better lives for themselves in a Parisian housing project.*

Fire at Sea, directed by Gianfranco Rosi, 2016, 114 minutes

*Shot on the Sicilian island of Lampedusa during the European migrant crisis, and sets the migrants' dangerous Mediterranean crossing against a background of the ordinary life of the islanders.*

The Sculptor of Damascus, directed by Gabriel Lifton-Zoline, 2016

*In the fall of 2015, filmmaker Gabriel Lifton-Zoline was in Eastern Europe reporting on the refugee crisis. While there, he met and befriended a young Syrian refugee named Mehyar Sawas and gave him a phone to document his journey. Over the next five months, the pair exchanged more than 164 pages of messages online. Mehyar, meanwhile, filmed his life. The result is *The Sculptor of Damascus*, a poignant film that puts a powerful face on the refugee situation. In Mehyar, we discover a peaceful young man who is tortured over the abandonment of his family, who has dreams to be an artist and who seeks, more than anything, to survive.*

Watan, directed by James L. Brown and Bill Irving, 2018, 52 minutes

*This is a film that looks beyond rhetoric and into the human cost of the Syrian refugee crisis. Intimate portraits of refugees in the camps and cities of Jordan reveal a very human struggle for normalcy and dignity in a situation that is anything but.*

Constance on the Edge, directed by Belinda Mason, 2017, 77 minutes

(study guide at <http://constanceontheedge.com/>)

*One family. Two wars. Three countries. What does it take to forge a new life far from home? Filmed over 10 years, *Constance on the Edge* is an unflinchingly honest portrayal of one refugee family's resettlement story in Australia. Brave, lion-hearted, charismatic Constance, mother of six, confronts her painful past in war torn Sudan, and risks everything in Australia so her family can thrive. *Constance on the Edge* gets to the heart of a contemporary untold story about the courage and resilience it takes to build new lives. The film also highlights the important role communities play in encouraging a sense of welcoming, healing and belonging.*

This is Home: A Refugee Story, directed by Alexander Shiva, 2018, 93 minutes

*A heartwarming portrait of four refugee Syrian families navigating new lives in Baltimore. Taking place over an eight-month span, the movie addresses early relief, initial confusion, fluctuating states of peace and homesick despair, and the small joys that come with knowing one can adapt.*

Inside My Heart, directed by Debra Kellner, 2018, 70 minutes

*This film chronicles the plight of three refugee families fleeing their war torn countries over a period of nearly 3 years. Despite having lost everything and their harrowing stories about the atrocities of war, each family continues their fight to stay alive. Unable to return to their countries without the risk of being killed, today they are forced to live with the consequences of their broken dreams.*

God Grew Tired of Us, New Market Films, National Geographic Films/LBS, 2006, 88 minutes

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=t3YdAcMENbk>

*This film is a memoir about the torturous journey of three Southern Sudan boys, John Bul Dau, Daniel Pach and Panther Bior, across Africa to the United States of America.*

Casablanca, directed by Michael Curtiz, 1942, 102 minutes

*A film about Jewish refugees in the 2nd world war which was quite outspoken for its time. The issues it presents are the same ones refugees face today: despotic leaders, fear, violence, war, people smugglers and colonialism.*

America America, directed by Elia Kazan, 1963, 174 minutes

*A film by a Greek-American director which tackles the story of the refugees who fled the oppression of the Ottoman empire and the Armenian and Greek genocides. Stathis Giallelis won the golden globe for his acting in the film.*

El Norte, directed by Gregory Nava, 1983, 141 minutes

*A realistic and hard-hitting portrayal of the journey and subsequent lives of two Guatemalan immigrants who leave their country when their family are killed by the army. On arrival in the US, their lives continue to be hard as they face illegal work in kitchens and sweatshops and fear being caught by the immigration police.*

Destination America, directed by David Grubin, Stephen Stept and Chana Gazit, PBS Films, 2005, 4 hours;  
<http://www.pbs.org/destinationamerica/index.html> (teacher's guide available)

*Four one-hour episodes explore the remarkable migration to the United States. Each episode features the experiences of individual immigrants and families, placing their stories in the larger and important historical context of the world the immigrants left behind and the new world they encountered.*

The New Americans, David E. Simpson, Karatemquin Films, PBS, 2004, 7 hours

(study and educators guides at <https://itvs.org/films/new-americans>)

*What does the "American dream" look like through the eyes of today's immigrants and refugees? From Nigeria, India, the Dominican Republic, Mexico, and the Israeli-occupied West Bank, they come with different dreams: to achieve athletic glory or high-tech riches, to escape poverty and persecution, to provide for their families. This seven-part series follows these newcomers from each of their homelands through their first tumultuous years in America.*

The Genesis of Exodus, Presbyterian Church USA, 2018, 49 minutes;

<https://genesisofexodusfilm.com/thefilm/>

*This film tells the whole story, which begins in the streets, homes, and businesses of those families: children, women, and men who love their country, but can no longer survive in their community.*

Reflection Guide;

[http://oga.pcusa.org/site\\_media/media/uploads/oga/pdf/genesis\\_of\\_exodus\\_reflection\\_guide.pdf](http://oga.pcusa.org/site_media/media/uploads/oga/pdf/genesis_of_exodus_reflection_guide.pdf)

Rain in a Dry Land, directed by Anne Makepeace, POV/PBS, 2006, 52 minutes

(study guide at <http://www.pbs.org/pov/raininadryland/>)

*How do you measure the distance from an African village to an American city? What does it mean to be a refugee in today's "global village"? Rain in a Dry Land provides eye-opening answers as it chronicles the fortunes of two Somali Bantu families, transported by relief agencies from years of civil war and refugee life to Springfield, Massachusetts and Atlanta, Georgia. As the newcomers confront racism, poverty and 21st-century culture shock, the film captures their efforts to survive in America and create a safe haven for their war-torn families. (Available for organizations to borrow for free through the [POV Community Network](#). Along with a DVD of the film, POV provides a discussion guide, lesson plan and suggested reading list to help group leaders facilitate community conversations and provide context for the film.)*

Beautiful People, Jasmin Dizdar, 2000, 2 hours;

*Moving drama about the troubled lives of four distinct British families who come to know the beauty in life when Bosnian immigrants unintentionally become part of their lives.*

Babel, Alejandro Gonzalez Inarritu, 2006, 2 h, 23 minutes;

*Quietly powerful film charting three interconnected stories, one of which concerns a Mexican governess (Adriana Barraza) and her nephew (Gael Garcia Bernal) who take her two young charges across the border to attend a wedding with tragic results. This film imparts an admirable message about a shared global humanity.*

Separated: Children at the Border, Frontline, PBS, July 31, 2018

<https://www.pbs.org/wgbh/frontline/film/separated-children-at-the-border/>

*The inside story of what happened to immigrant children separated from their parents at the border. The film explores the impact of the Trump administration's "zero tolerance" policy, and how both Trump and Obama dealt with minors at the border.*

Brightness of Noon, Part 1: The Intersect of Faith, Immigration and Refugees, Diva Communications, aired on ABC, 2018, 60 minutes;

<https://www.divacomunications.com/documentaries/brightness-of-noon/>

Trailer: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6M4zF8KQVnQ>

Trailer: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UKaWlZSRgmg>

*A two-part documentary that illuminates the risks people of faith are willing to take to protect the human rights of those fleeing violence, and the struggles and triumphs of undocumented immigrants and refugees as they resettle in the United States. Part I focuses on people of various faiths addressing the plight of undocumented immigrants. Narrated by acclaimed actor-activist Bambadjan Bamba (The Good Place, Black Panther).*

Brightness of Noon, Part 2: The Intersect of Faith, Immigration and Refugees, Diva Communications, aired on ABC, 2018, 60 minutes;

<https://www.divacomunications.com/documentaries/brightness-of-noon-2/>

Trailer: <https://vimeo.com/280394892>

*A two-part documentary that illuminates the risks people of faith are willing to take to protect the human rights of those fleeing violence, and the struggles and triumphs of undocumented immigrants and refugees as they resettle in the United States. Part II, is scheduled to air on ABC – affiliated stations starting in November 2018, and will share the compassionate response of the majority of major faith-based institutions toward asylum seekers and refugees – a response that cares, nurtures, educates, often providing sanctuary for those living in fear of returning to their homelands. Narrated by acclaimed actor-activist Bambadjan Bamba (The Good Place, Black Panther).*

Dalya's Other Country, Julia Meltzer, POV, PBS, 2017, 75 minutes;

<http://www.pbs.org/pov/dalyasothercountry/>

*This film follows a young Syrian girl and her mother displaced by the conflict at home as they adjust to their new life in Los Angeles. (Available for organizations to borrow for free through the [POV Community Network](#). Along with a DVD of the film, POV provides a discussion guide, lesson plan and suggested reading list to help group leaders facilitate community conversations and provide context for the film.)*

Trails of Hope and Terror, V1 Educational Media, 2016, 53 minutes;

<https://www.trailsofhopeandterrorthemovie.com/>

*This documentary ends with the stories of two teenage girls, Sandra and Josseline. One encounters the border (La Frontera) by accident, and the other on purpose. But their journeys, along with the others we hear about in the film, began hundreds of years ago, as complicated political and economic strategies set up a vast system from which there is little hope of escape.*

The War Show, Obaidah Zytoon, Andreas Dalsgaard, and Alaa Hassan, POV, PBS, 2017, 90 minutes;  
<http://www.pbs.org/pov/thewarshow/>

*Radio host Obaidah Zytoon captures the fate of Syria through the intimate lens of a small circle of friends and journalists. Beginning with peaceful Arab Spring protests in 2011, The War Show offers a four-year, ground-level look at how the country spiraled into bloody civil war. (Available for organizations to borrow for free through the [POV Community Network](#). Along with a DVD of the film, POV provides a discussion guide, lesson plan and suggested reading list to help group leaders facilitate community conversations and provide context for the film.)*

Last Men in Aleppo, Feras Fayyad, POV, PBS, 2017, 90 minutes;  
<http://www.pbs.org/pov/lastmeninalleppo/>

*Last Men in Aleppo unveils the war's terrifying aftermath, and the volunteer rescue workers and first responders known as the White Helmets who stayed behind to pull their neighbors from the rubble. (Available for organizations to borrow for free through the [POV Community Network](#). Along with a DVD of the film, POV provides a discussion guide, lesson plan and suggested reading list to help group leaders facilitate community conversations and provide context for the film.)*

A World Not Ours, Mahdi Fleifel, POV, PBS, 2014, 90 minutes;  
<http://www.pbs.org/pov/aworldnotours/>

*A World Not Ours is a passionate, bittersweet account of one family's multi-generational experience living as permanent refugees in the Ain el-Helweh refugee camp in southern Lebanon, established in 1948 as a temporary refuge for exiled Palestinians. (Available for organizations to borrow for free through the [POV Community Network](#). Along with a DVD of the film, POV provides a discussion guide, lesson plan and suggested reading list to help group leaders facilitate community conversations and provide context for the film.)*

Lost Boys of Sudan, Megan Mylan and Jon Shenk, POV, PBS, 2004, 90 minutes;  
<http://www.pbs.org/pov/lostboysofsudan/>

*Lost Boys of Sudan follows two young Dinka refugees, Peter and Santino, through their first year in America. Peter and Santino set out to make new lives for themselves in Houston and in Kansas City. Their struggle asks us to rethink what it means to be an American. (Available for organizations to borrow for free through the [POV Community Network](#). Along with a DVD of the film, POV provides a discussion guide, lesson plan and suggested reading list to help group leaders facilitate community conversations and provide context for the film.)*

A Bridge Apart, Edward James Olmos, Catholic Relief Services, 2013, 56 minutes;  
<https://www.amazon.com/Bridge-Apart-Edward-James-Olmos/dp/B00TPPKBD2>.

*A Bridge Apart is a story about the journey of the thousands of people from Central America and Mexico who leave their homes and families, suffer extraordinary brutality -or loss of life itself- in search of the American Dream. The program also examines ways that economic development can minimize this flow of migration.*

All Saints, Steve Gomer, Sony Pictures, 2017, Sony Pictures, 108 minutes;  
<http://www.allsaintsmovie.com/>

*All Saints is based on the inspiring true story of salesman-turned-pastor, the tiny church he was ordered to shut down, and a group of refugees from Southeast Asia. Together, they risked everything to plant seeds for a future that might just save them all. (link includes discussion guide and infographics)*

No Room for Refugees, Channel Newsasia, 2017, 46 minutes;  
<https://www.channelnewsasia.com/news/video-on-demand/get-real/season-16-no-room-for-refugees-9394630>

*What is it like to jostle with 800,000 refugees for a square inch of space to call your own? Get Real chronicles the fight for survival and reveals the stories behind the statistics. (includes graphic images of dead Rohingya refugees)*

Risking it All: Children at the Border, Univision, 2014, 43 minutes; <https://vimeo.com/104057864>

Don't Tell Anyone, Mikaela Schwer, POV, PBS, 2015, 87 minutes;  
<http://www.pbs.org/pov/donttellanyone/>

Discussion guide: <http://www.pbs.org/pov/donttellanyone/discussion-guide/>  
*Since the age of 4, Angy Rivera has lived in the United States with a secret that threatens to upend her life: She is undocumented. Now 24 and facing an uncertain future, Rivera becomes an activist for undocumented youth with a popular advice blog and a YouTube channel boasting more than 27,000 views. She steps out of the shadows a second time to share her story of sexual abuse, an experience all too common among undocumented women. Don't Tell Anyone (No Le Digas a Nadie) follows Rivera's remarkable journey from poverty in rural Colombia to the front page of The New York Times.*

Film Discussions, Center for Public Dialogue and Office of Social Justice, Christian Reformed Church in North America;

[https://www.crcna.org/sites/default/files/film\\_discussion\\_questions.pdf](https://www.crcna.org/sites/default/files/film_discussion_questions.pdf)

## Videos and Short Films

The Journey, Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service, 2014, 6 minutes; <https://www.lirs.org/the-journey>

*Why are Central American children and families fleeing their homelands, and how can your congregation help?*

Courageous Journeys, Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service, 2015, 3 minutes;  
<https://vimeo.com/126923741>

*A powerful telling by Omar of his story fleeing Syria and rebuilding his life in the US, and the role you can play in walking alongside refugees who come to America.*

Locked In A Box, Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service, 2016, 18 minutes;  
<https://www.lirs.org/detention-visitation> (study guide at

[https://www.lirs.org/assets/2474/lirs\\_lockedinbox\\_discussion\\_guide\\_2017.pdf](https://www.lirs.org/assets/2474/lirs_lockedinbox_discussion_guide_2017.pdf))

*Formerly detained migrants and asylum seekers share about that experience and how much of an impact a conversation with a visitor could make. People who participate in visitation ministry and pastors also share about the importance of this ministry and the biblical support for it.*

Two Refugees, Generations Apart, UNICEF, 2017, 2 minutes; available in multiple languages;  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PTk7a1s8vR8>

*These are the real stories of Harry and Ahmed, told in their own words. Though generations separate them, there are unsettling parallels between their horrific stories as child refugees.*

Dear Mom: Azi's Message to Her Foster Mom, Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service, 2015, 2 minutes; <https://vimeo.com/102722975>

*A powerful message from the perspective of an unaccompanied refugee child who was welcomed in to a new home in the United States.*

Give the Gift of Family, Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service, 2015, 4 minutes, with Spanish subtitles; <https://vimeo.com/111752077>

*What is it like to be a foster family to a refugee child who is alone?*

Alex Says "I Love this Country", Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service, 2017, 1 minute; <https://vimeo.com/200830779>

*A must watch video of Alex, the son of refugees who made America their home, and instilled a sense of pride and duty in their children.*

Create a Culture of Welcome, Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service, 2012, 4 minutes; <https://vimeo.com/40178293>

*Imagine the experience of a refugee—a life of displacement, deprivation, violence and fear. It is a life in which going home is an impossibility. A life of severed roots and lost investments, lived in unfamiliar places surrounded by unfamiliar cultures. Now, imagine the impact of someone who cares. Someone who listens, someone who helps navigate life in a new country.*

Refugee Sunday 2016, Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service, 2016, 3 minutes; <https://vimeo.com/175781087>

*Could your church welcome a refugee family? Here is the story of the Makano family and Christ Lutheran Church.*

Volunteers Take Mission of Welcome to a Whole New Level, Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service, 2012, 4 minutes; <https://vimeo.com/45548754>

*Imagine the experience of a displaced refugee family—a life of deprivation, violence, and fear. A life of severed roots, lost investments, and an unknown future. Now imagine them stepping off a plane in the United States, welcomed by friendly faces who take them to a furnished home with a hot meal on the table. That's what volunteers like Tim and Carol make possible.*

Foster Community, Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service, 2012, 5 minutes; <https://vimeo.com/40233406>

*In the Twin Cities, there is a thriving Bhutanese refugee community. When that community sought support for its elderly with becoming accustomed to life in the United States, Lutheran Social Services of Minnesota enlisted the support of an eclectic group of volunteers and a weekly citizenship class, providing an invaluable service and joyful social life, was born.*

Be a Mentor, Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service, 2012, 5 minutes; <https://vimeo.com/40193498>  
*In Milwaukee, Wisconsin, Ryan Webster, a young man conversant in Swahili, saw a flyer and made the call. He is now providing indispensable cultural mentorship for an isolated Burundi woman and her two young children. Yet Ryan will always be the first to remind you that volunteering is a learning experience as often as it is a teaching one.*

Be Unafraid: To Face Your Fears, Part 1, Share the Journey, 2018, 2 minutes;

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?time\\_continue=12&v=0nA4oW6yvUU](https://www.youtube.com/watch?time_continue=12&v=0nA4oW6yvUU)

Be Unafraid: To Face Your Fears, Part 2, Share the Journey, 2018, 2 minutes;

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZWCesY1zSic>

Be Unafraid to Face Your Fears, Part 3, Share the Journey, 2018, 2 minutes;

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?time\\_continue=4&v=dvHiFwuMEkk](https://www.youtube.com/watch?time_continue=4&v=dvHiFwuMEkk)

*Many believe our fears can set us apart, but we believe they can bring us together. We interviewed dozens of refugees and citizens born in the United States about their fears. This is what they shared with us about their journey.*

How We Choose, directed by Alexandria Bombach, MountainFilm, 15 minutes

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wsnXuK5Fkzg>

*How We Choose follows several people as they grapple with the heart-wrenching decision to leave their motherland — some illegally — and start over again in a new country. The optimists who stay do so because of their desire to bring about positive change and to help create a hopeful future where suicide attacks are not part of daily life. Staying and going each present much to be lost, as well as gained.*

Zain’s Summer: From Refugee to American Boy, directed by Directed by: Joshua Seftel, 2016, 13 minutes

*Zain and his siblings and mother fled Pakistan 11 months before the period the film covers, a six-week summer language program to prepare young, new immigrants for the start of school. The possibility of a new life in America, relatively free from fear of violence and persecution, represents the very best of America. Zain’s openness to what the U.S. offers is old-fashioned and inspiring.*

Refugee, Netflix, 2016, 23 minutes

*Five acclaimed photographers travel the world to provide detailed insight into the difficult conditions faced by refugees who dream of a better life.*

North Star Fading, PositiveNegatives, 2018, 6 minutes;

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=riLMnXkICsA>

*A ‘zoom comic’ inspired by the true testimonies of four Eritrean refugees who fled their homes to make the dangerous journey across Ethiopia, Sudan and Libya to Europe. The art is by Karrie Fransman and the words by Lula Mebrahtu.*

Dear Habib, PositiveNegatives, 2018, 4 minutes;

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?time\\_continue=29&v=WdprHcOuJU](https://www.youtube.com/watch?time_continue=29&v=WdprHcOuJU)

*Dear Habib is a short animation sharing the true story of a young, unaccompanied child migrant called Habib. The animation brings to life the incredible challenges, and opportunities, that young unaccompanied child migrants face.*

Dear Habib comic; <http://positivenegatives.org/comics-animations/dear-habib/comic/>

When You Don’t Exist, Amnesty International, 2012; 2 minutes;

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?time\\_continue=89&v=OUpsWCvE38](https://www.youtube.com/watch?time_continue=89&v=OUpsWCvE38)

*When you don’t exist is Amnesty International’s campaign for the human rights of migrants, refugees and asylum-seekers in Europe and at its borders.*

Look Beyond Borders: a 4 minute experiment, Amnesty International, 2016, 5 minutes;

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9Z68P9Gc77A>

*Studies suggest it takes four minutes of direct eye contact for strangers to fall in love. So Amnesty International decided to conduct a simple experiment: refugees and Europeans sat across from each other and looked each other in the eyes. Watch and see what happens next.*

Humans After All, Tomo Brody, Amnesty International, 2016, 12 minutes; <https://vimeo.com/173921828>

*A documentary from the refugee camp in Calais featuring a sample of 65 different testimonies from men, women and children from seven different countries. We see only their hands, their identity is left obscured. Their voices tell the story of why they had to leave, how they arrived here and the experiences they have had in the camps.*

Most Shocking Second Video A Day, Save the Children, 2014, 93 seconds;

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?time\\_continue=1&v=RBQ-loHfimQ](https://www.youtube.com/watch?time_continue=1&v=RBQ-loHfimQ)

*A young girl's life gets turned upside-down in this tragic second a day video.*

The Journey, Film Freeways, 2017, 10 minutes; <https://filmfreeway.com/1332295>

*This short documentary film profiles three young male asylum seekers and refugees living in the UK who have journeyed across the world, escaping war and persecution. Intimate interviews provide a glimpse of what it means to be forced to flee your home land, leaving behind the people that you love and everything that you know. Using powerful first hand testimony, this film transcends some of the typical media constructions in order to explore the human aspect of what it really means to be a refugee - a person with fears, hopes and dreams.*

Seeking Refuge, BBC 2,

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/b01k7c4q/clips>

*The award-winning Seeking Refuge series is composed of five short (4-5 minutes each) animated documentaries, each focusing on the plight of refugee children and their adaptation to a new country.*

The Truth About Refugees, Mary Tran, Amnesty International Australia, 2014, 4 minutes;

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4wYyuMJ1a-A>

*A moving and thought-provoking animated video to highlight the plight of refugees in Australia's offshore detention centers.*

Then I Came by Boat, directed by Marleena Forward, 2015, 10 minutes; <https://vimeo.com/133805771>

*This short documentary tells the story of Tri Nguyen's childhood escape from war-torn Vietnam, and his eventual resettlement in Australia.*

What does it mean to be a refugee?, Benedetta Berti and Evelien Borgman, TedEd, 2016, 6 minutes

(additional resources); <https://ed.ted.com/lessons/what-does-it-mean-to-be-a-refugee-benedetta-berti-and-evelien-borgman>

*About 60 million people around the globe have been forced to leave their homes to escape war, violence and persecution. The majority have become Internally Displaced Persons, meaning they fled their homes but are still in their own countries. Others, referred to as refugees, sought shelter outside their own country. But what does that term really mean?*

Refuge, directed by Matthew K. Firpo, 2016, 20 minutes

*"I don't think the human mind is able to understand the suffering we've experienced," says a man in this short documentary filmed on location in 2016 in four different refugee camps across Greece—outside Athens and on the islands of Lesbos and Leros—the film allows victims of the Syrian Civil War to share their experiences.*

Malak and the Boat, directed by Andre Holzmeister, UNICEF, 2016, 2 minutes;

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?time\\_continue=53&v=2UMjSZaMY2Y](https://www.youtube.com/watch?time_continue=53&v=2UMjSZaMY2Y)

*The first animation of the Unfair Tales series Malak and the boat, released for the launch of UNICEF's global campaign on the Syrian refugee crisis, brings attention to the stories of the youngest victims of the Syrian conflict as they flee war. Aboard a light boat, 7 year old Malak explains her journey as she crosses the Mediterranean.*

Life on Hold, directed by Nick Francis and Marc Silver, Amnesty International, 2012, 7 minutes;

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YIJ\\_0x1q6l8](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YIJ_0x1q6l8)

*This short film tells the everyday life of Omar, a 17 year old Somali living in a refugee camp situated at the Tunisian border. Since the 2011 war broke out, thousands of refugees from Somalia, Sudan and Eritrea who were living or transiting through Libya have been forced to find refuge in neighboring countries. They're now awaiting in refugee camps at the Tunisian and Egyptian borders, unable to either leave or stay.*

America By The Numbers with Maria Hinojosa: Clarkston Georgia, PBS, 2012, 27 minutes;

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iO2739Fw3hk> (study guide at

<https://www.tolerance.org/classroom-resources/tolerance-lessons/mainstream-usa>)

*In the Ellis Island of the South, could there be lessons about democracy and getting along? This is the story of a small town of 7,500 people that has gone from being 90% white in the 1980s to less than 14% white today. Located in the shadow of Stone Mountain, once a gathering place for Ku Klux Klan cross burnings, today Clarkston is home to thousands of refugees from Vietnam, Somalia, Iraq and Bhutan - along with some forty other countries. This special is an intimate look at how changing demographics are reshaping the political landscape of America.*

Finding Refuge, 60 Minutes, CBS, 2016, 15 minutes; <https://www.dailymotion.com/video/x5a0gw7>

*Before President Trump's executive order on immigration, Bill Whitaker reported on the Syrian refugee crisis and followed Syrian families from Jordan through the vetting process to the U.S.*

Clouds Over Sidra, UNHCR, 8 minutes; <http://blog.myworld2015.org/virtualreality/>

*Clouds over Sidra is an immersive experience that was created for the United Nations using a 360-degree virtual reality platform. In this 8 minute groundbreaking film, a young Syrian refugee girl takes you on a virtual reality journey through the Za'atari camp in Jordan. To get the full experience you'll have to download the app VRSE for your smartphone in addition to viewing it through a VR viewer, for example like the 10\$ cardboard one Google has designed. The video goes outside delivering traditional facts and provides the viewers with a unique journey to understanding what life is like in a refugee camp.*

Dying to Live: A Migrant's Journey, directed by Bill Groody, Groody River Films in cooperation with the University of Notre Dame, 2005, 33 minutes; <https://vimeo.com/73656180>

*This documentary attempts to show the "face of the migrants" in the belief that understanding their story is the first step towards meaningful conversation about immigration reform.*

Dying to Get In: Undocumented Immigration at the U.S. Mexican Border, directed by Brett Tolley, Mooncusser Films, 2007 <http://undocumentedimmigration.com/>, 39 minutes

*Dying to Get In provides a rare and up-close look at U.S.-Mexico border crossings. Documentarian Brett Tolley embeds himself with those who cross, taking the viewer deep into the Arizona desert where over a 4 month period he follows a group of men, women and children on their dangerous journey to enter the United States illegally.*

National Security Leaders on the Refugee Crisis, Human Rights First, 2016; 90 seconds;

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?time\\_continue=10&v=eS\\_BWNuFko](https://www.youtube.com/watch?time_continue=10&v=eS_BWNuFko)

*How the United States handles the Syrian refugee crisis has major implications for its national security. But contrary to many pundits' hateful rhetoric, resettling Syrian refugees actually helps advance U.S. national security interests. Take it from the experts.*

Crossing Lines, Human Rights First, 2018, 6 minutes each;

<http://crossingtheline.humanrightsfirst.org/>

*Two virtual reality films you can move through at the US southern border. President Trump wants you to believe that asylum seekers are "criminals" who are exploiting "loopholes" in the system. Spoiler alert: asylum seekers aren't breaking the law, the U.S. government is.*

American Leadership and the Global Refugee Crisis, Human Rights First, 2016, 2 minutes;

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?time\\_continue=31&v=D3dUGnZxSgQ](https://www.youtube.com/watch?time_continue=31&v=D3dUGnZxSgQ)

*Historically the United States has lead the world in refugee protection. We have a long bipartisan tradition of providing refuge to the most vulnerable. America should continue to uphold this fundamental value and lead the international community in protecting Syrian refugees.*

Solving Illegal Immigration, Sonia Nazario, TEDx, 2017; 18 minutes;

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?time\\_continue=409&v=XA\\_SUOareNQ](https://www.youtube.com/watch?time_continue=409&v=XA_SUOareNQ)

*Pulitzer Prize winning writer Sonia Nazario takes you on a personal, powerful, emotional journey to show why three solutions pushed for decades by U.S. politicians--both on the left and the right—to stem illegal immigration have failed. The author of Enrique's Journey, possibly the most read book about immigrants to the U.S., asks: What if we did something radically new, something that works?*

U.S. Immigration: Let's Talk, Tom Gjelten, NPR, 3 minutes;

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=m9zf8hkCqIq>

*For over 200 years the U.S. Immigration policies have determined who the U.S. lets in, and who is shut out.*

Refugee Garden, The Perennial Palate, 2012, 6 minutes;

<http://www.theperennialplate.com/episodes/2012/02/episode-80-refugee-garden/>

*This episode is about our brief interaction with a wonderful Bhutanese family we met in Atlanta. They are part of a community garden that integrates refugee farmers from around the world by giving them a piece of land to grow vegetables. Despite the challenges of communicating together, we picked some crops, cooked a meal together and enjoyed each others company. This was one of our favorite days on the trip.*

A Very Community Garden, The Perennial Palate, 2010, 7 minutes;  
<http://www.theperennialplate.com/episodes/2010/08/episode-22-a-very-community-garden/>  
*Community Gardens are a central part of summertime, a transformative and delicious way of using empty space. This episode tells the story of a particularly wonderful and unique garden in North Minneapolis where Harriet Oyera of Uganda and [Redeemer Center](#) lead the vegetables growth.*

Lupe Gonzala, The Perennial Palate, 2012, 5 minutes;  
<http://www.theperennialplate.com/episodes/2012/03/episode-96-lupe-gonzalo/>  
*We made this short film in Immokalee Florida (where 1/3 of the tomatoes in our grocery stores are grown). We spent a day with Lupe Gonzalo, a tomato picker and organizer for [CIW](#)(Coalition of Immokalee Workers). The Coalition is fighting to change the way our country's tomato laborers are treated, as well as raise their wages by implementing a 1 penny per pound increase of picked tomatoes. Many companies (McDonalds, Trader Joe's, Subway...to name a few) are working with CIW, but some are holding out (Chipotle). Please watch and share this short film about Lupe's life. Most likely, there is a wonderful person just like her picking the tomatoes you buy at the grocery store.*

Our Heart Within Us, The Perennial Palate, 2016, 10 minutes;  
<http://www.theperennialplate.com/episodes/2016/08/episode-153-our-heart-within-us/>  
*Francisco and Lucia are Mayan refugees from Guatemala who came to Colorado in the 80s, through farming with their community and growing plants indigenous to Guatemala, they have been able to hold on to a piece of their home.*

America: You Are My Sunshine, The Perennial Palate, 2018, 5 minutes;  
<http://www.theperennialplate.com/episodes/2018/06/you-are-my-sunshine/>  
*This Somali Family was in a Refugee Camp for 20 years, separated for 5 years and then reunited in America.*

Families Held Captive, Presbyterian Church USA, 2018, 23 minutes; <https://vimeo.com/130391925>  
*The U.S. government is holding immigrant women and children in private prisons in South Texas. This practice is new and in direct response to an increase in the arrival of asylum-seeking families from Central America in 2014. Persons of faith and persons of conscience are organizing to provide outreach to these families and to end this disturbing practice. Watch this film to learn more about how you can [#EndFamilyDetention](#)*

Discussion Leader Guide;

[http://oga.pcusa.org/site\\_media/media/uploads/oga/pdf/families\\_held\\_captive\\_discussion\\_leader\\_guide.pdf](http://oga.pcusa.org/site_media/media/uploads/oga/pdf/families_held_captive_discussion_leader_guide.pdf)

Attendee Guide;

[http://oga.pcusa.org/site\\_media/media/uploads/oga/pdf/families\\_held\\_captive\\_attendee\\_guide.pdf](http://oga.pcusa.org/site_media/media/uploads/oga/pdf/families_held_captive_attendee_guide.pdf)

To Breathe Free, Presbyterian Church USA, 2017, 17 minutes; <https://vimeo.com/225871896>  
*This film follows the 5-year journey of a Syrian family fleeing the war in Homs to the refugee camps in Jordan and starting a new life in Washington, D.C. Using home movies, phone video, family photos and interviews with family members and former refugees, this short documentary gives an intimate and unique perspective not seen in current media reporting on the refugee crisis. To Breathe Free captures the intersection of individual narratives from a family fleeing the Vietnam War in 1970, to the Syrian Conflict in 2017, to the families who help create a new home in our nation's capital, giving voice to our common humanity and the struggle that binds people together.*

Deciding to Offer Sanctuary, Presbyterian Church USA, 2018, 5 minutes;

<https://vimeo.com/249558757>

*Meet Forest Hill Church Presbyterian. The decision to offer sanctuary should not be taken lightly. It requires more than just an understanding of U.S. immigration policy. It is more than a public witness. It is a relationship. Cultivating partnerships in the community, exploring one's theological convictions, understanding of one's own privilege, committing as a congregation to the care and nurture of the individual in sanctuary are key to the health of this relationship.*

Advice to Congregations Discerning Sanctuary, Presbyterian Church USA, 2018, 5 minutes;

<https://vimeo.com/249560763>

*Out of their experience, Forest Hill Church Presbyterian and Leonor Garcia offer guidance about what to work through when discerning, why it is important to take the time to discern, and the significance of the decision.*

Life Together, Presbyterian Church USA, 2018, 10 minutes; <https://vimeo.com/254200622>

*A person's need for sanctuary can be resolved in two weeks or ongoing for years. A life will be unfolding within the walls of a sacred space. Family life, health issues, and celebrations will be experienced by the person in sanctuary while the day-to-day faith-life of the congregation is going on around them. How do you prepare for this life together and how do you open yourself up for how you will all be changed?*

Ali and the Long Journey to Australia, 2018, 4 minutes;

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wnEG8Pf5mLQ>

*Thirteen pupils from seven countries have drawn on their imagination and personal experiences to create the story of a 10-year-old and his family and their search for safety. Ali and the Long Journey to Australia is a stop-motion film based on a tale written and illustrated by students from refugee backgrounds at Noble Park primary school in south-east Melbourne.*

I Will Wear a Team USA Jersey Any Day, Share the Journey, 2018, 2 minutes;

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=npczFb4Y-1o>

*Mohamed is a Somali refugee who fled civil war. He now works as an advocate for immigrants and refugees in the United States.*

We Need to Stay Together, Share the Journey, 2018, 2 minutes;

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=b4AWRxTO\\_zI](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=b4AWRxTO_zI)

*Rocio and her husband have lived in the United States for more than 20 years, but sometimes she does not feel welcome. One of her biggest fears is having her family split apart.*

4.1 Miles, Daphne Matziaraki, POV, PBS, 2017, 24 minutes;

<http://www.pbs.org/pov/4point1miles/>

*An Oscar-nominated short, shows a small Greek town on the sea and the coast guard's daily efforts at saving thousands of migrants crossing the Mediterranean. (Available for organizations to borrow for free through the [POV Community Network](#). Along with a DVD of the film, POV provides a discussion guide, lesson plan and suggested reading list to help group leaders facilitate community conversations and provide context for the film.)*

My Name Means Life, Share the Journey, 2018, 2 minutes; <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1589Q-UbQW0>

*Jiyar was born in Turkey after her family fled Kurdistan during a chemical attack. Today she is an example of survival and is a trailblazer for what it means to be a refugee in the United States.*

From Damascus to Chicago, Colleen Cassingham and Alex Lederman, POV, PBS, 2017, 24 minutes; <http://www.pbs.org/pov/fromdamascustoChicago/>

*Two young Syrian siblings resettle in Chicago and enroll in a dance class, while their family navigates a new city and new country. (Available for organizations to borrow for free through the [POV Community Network](#). Along with a DVD of the film, POV provides a discussion guide, lesson plan and suggested reading list to help group leaders facilitate community conversations and provide context for the film.)*

The Displaced, The New York Times, 360 VR Movie, 2015, 11 minutes, 2015; <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ecavbpCuvkl>

*War has driven 30 million children from their homes. These are the stories of three of them. Note: This is a VR video — a brand new kind of video that gives you a sense of depth in every direction so you feel like you're actually there.*

*For the full effect, watch it in a Google Cardboard viewer: <https://www.google.com/get/cardboard/>*

A Perilous Journey (Hasko's Story, Khalid's Story, Mohammad's Story), PositiveNegatives, Animated shorts (30 seconds each): <http://positivenegatives.org/comics-animations/a-perilous-journey/animation/>

Comics: <http://positivenegatives.org/comics-animations/a-perilous-journey/a-perilous-journey-comics/>  
*'A Perilous Journey' is a trilogy of 3 comics based on testimonies taken from Syrian refugees seeking asylum in Scandinavia in July 2015. The three Syrians in the story (names changed for their protection) have now thankfully been given asylum. Read their stories here to find out more.*

An Empty Promise, PostiveNegative;

Animated short (5 minutes): <http://positivenegatives.org/comics-animations/an-empty-promise/animation/>

Comic: <http://positivenegatives.org/comics-animations/an-empty-promise/comic/>

*This film and comic book tell the story of one woman's journey from Nigeria to Sicily, particularly highlighting the dangers she faced while crossing Libya.*

Welcome to America, Time Video, 2018, 23 minutes; <https://vimeo.com/channels/staffpicks/281844431?from=outro-embed>

*Yeni González is one of the mothers who suddenly found herself thousands of miles away from her children this spring, after President Donald Trump's "zero-tolerance" immigration policy went into effect. This TIME Red Border Film documentary shows how grassroots activists banded together to transport González from a detention center in Eloy, Ariz., to New York City, where her children were placed at a social service agency after the undocumented family crossed the U.S.-Mexico border and was apprehended by the Border Patrol in May.*

Refugee Kids: One Small School Takes on the World, Other Islands Films, 2018, 27 minutes;

<https://www.pbs.org/video/refugee-kids-one-small-school-takes-on-the-world-eftfat/>

Download or purchase and study guide: <http://refugeekidsfilm.com/index.html>

*This short documentary that follows students at a New York City summer program for children seeking asylum from the world's most volatile conflicts. The film presents an intimate, emotionally gripping account of the students' stories of escaping war and conflict and resettling in America, chronicling their triumphs and setbacks as their lives unfold over the course of one formative summer.*

One Border One Body: Immigration and the Eucharist, directed by John Carlos Frey. Notre Dame, IN:

Gatekeeper Productions, 2008, 30 minutes

<https://vimeo.com/23878925>

(discussion and reflection questions at: <http://www.catholicsandimmigrants.org/wp-content/uploads/One-Border-One-Body.pdf>)

*In the dry, rugged, and sun-scorched terrain where many immigrants lose their lives, bishops, priests and lay people come together each year to celebrate the Eucharist. Like other liturgies, they pray and worship together. Unlike other liturgies, a sixteen-foot iron fence divides this community in half, with one side in Mexico and the other in the United States. One Border, One Body tells the story of a ritual that unites people beyond political constructions which divide them. Amidst a desert of death and a culture of fear, it testifies to God's universal, undivided, and unrestricted love for all people. It speaks of the gift and challenge of Christian faith and the call to feed the world's hunger for peace, justice and reconciliation. More than just another documentary on immigration, this film is a meditation of the Kingdom of God, a globalization of solidarity, and a journey of hope.*

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Refugees' Stories, 2018; <https://player.fm/series/refugees-stories-podcast>

Refugee Stories: In Their Own Voices, 2018; <https://player.fm/series/refugee-stories-in-their-own-voices>

Refugee – A Christmas Experience, Central Wesleyan Methodist Church, 2015, 4 parts;

<https://itunes.apple.com/us/podcast/refugee-a-christmas-series/id1214769524?mt=2>

*A decree goes out. A family is unsettled. A country is shaken. A peace is disturbed. The story may never be the same, but the hope for the refugee is unchanging. Join us to explore the events surrounding the birth of Jesus, whose life began as a refugee, as we unveil the ways we are displaced by our circumstances, and how to empathize with those experiencing the difficult reality of the refugee.*

Five Myths About the Refugee Crisis, The Guardian, 2018, 29 minutes;

<https://www.theguardian.com/news/audio/2018/jun/25/five-myths-about-the-refugee-crisis-podcast>

*The cameras have gone – but the suffering endures. Daniel Trilling deconstructs the beliefs that still shape policy and public opinion.*

What You Need to Know on Immigration, Bipartisan Policy Institute, 2018, 5 episodes;

<https://bipartisanpolicy.org/what-you-need-to-know-on-immigration/>

*What You Need to Know on Immigration is a five-part series that will cover DREAMers and DACA, border and interior enforcement, temporary worker visas, sanctuary cities, and the status of comprehensive immigration reform. Listen to understand the background, ins and outs, and current status of these key issues in the immigration debate.*

The Refugees, Andrew Solomon, The Moth, 2001, 14 minutes; <https://themoth.org/stories/the-refugees>  
*A survivor of the Pol Pot's death squads teaches an American to handle depression.*

Tempest Tossed: Conversations on Migration and Mobility

*A new podcast on immigration and refugees that goes beyond the predictable soundbites with in-depth discussion on what's happening on the ground and how to understand current policy debates.*

Find on [iTunes](#), [Spotify](#), [YouTube](#), & [Libsyn](#)

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The Immigration Detention Syllabus, IMM Print, 2018; <https://imm-print.com/>  
*An amazing collection of stories, images, and resources. This includes the #ImmigrationDetentionSyllabus, a 16-part series of readings and tools to support education, research, and action to dissect and dismantle the U.S. immigration detention system.*

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<https://www.evangelicalsforsocialaction.org/immigration/christianity-refugee-story/>

Reception and Placement of Refugees in the United States, Andorra Bruno, Congressional Research Service, 2017; <https://fas.org/sgp/crs/homesec/R44878.pdf>  
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*An amazingly rich collection of resources!*

Worship Resources in Response to the Refugee Crisis, Church of Scotland; [http://www.churchofscotland.org.uk/\\_data/assets/pdf\\_file/0019/29341/worship\\_resources\\_in\\_response\\_to\\_the\\_refugee\\_crisis.pdf](http://www.churchofscotland.org.uk/_data/assets/pdf_file/0019/29341/worship_resources_in_response_to_the_refugee_crisis.pdf)

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*Options to build a complete order of service.*

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*Written by the Rev. Dr. David Vásquez-Levy, this six-session study is the first offering from the Faith on the Move Bible Studies series. "Out of the Waters" will engage participants in the biblical story as it relates to issues of migration. The leader's guide allows for thoughtful preparation through reviewing and reflecting on background information for each session.*

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<http://www.melbourneanglican.org.au/ServingCommunity/ParishPartnershipsMinistry/Documents/4.%20Bible%20Study%20and%20Prayer.pdf>

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Beauty for Brokenness, Graham Kendrick; <https://www.grahamkendrick.co.uk/songs/graham-kendrick-songs/spark-to-a-flame/god-of-the-poor-beauty-for-brokenness>

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[https://hymnary.org/text/heaven\\_shall\\_not\\_wait\\_for\\_the\\_poor#authority\\_media\\_flexscores](https://hymnary.org/text/heaven_shall_not_wait_for_the_poor#authority_media_flexscores)

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[https://hymnary.org/text/in\\_christ\\_there\\_is\\_no\\_east\\_or\\_west\\_oxenh](https://hymnary.org/text/in_christ_there_is_no_east_or_west_oxenh)

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[http://oga.pcusa.org/site\\_media/media/uploads/oga/pdf/other-worship-resources-mothers-day-family-detention.pdf](http://oga.pcusa.org/site_media/media/uploads/oga/pdf/other-worship-resources-mothers-day-family-detention.pdf)

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*A prayer that we will reach across the borders in our hearts and that divide communities.*

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Together in Your Grace, Catholic Relief Services; <https://www.crs.org/sites/default/files/usops-resources/together-in-your-grace.pdf>  
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*A prayer for migrant and refugee children in need.*

Family Prayer Activity for Syrian Refugees, Catholic Relief Services;  
[https://www.crs.org/sites/default/files/usops-resources/family\\_prayer\\_activity\\_for\\_syrian\\_refugee\\_children.pdf](https://www.crs.org/sites/default/files/usops-resources/family_prayer_activity_for_syrian_refugee_children.pdf)  
*Reflection and prayer that families can use to pray for Syrian refugees.*

Prayer Pilgrimage for Refugees; Catholic Relief Services;  
[https://www.crs.org/sites/default/files/usops-resources/elementary\\_prayer\\_pilgrimage\\_on\\_the\\_refugee\\_crisis\\_2.pdf](https://www.crs.org/sites/default/files/usops-resources/elementary_prayer_pilgrimage_on_the_refugee_crisis_2.pdf)  
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Pilgrims of Solidarity, Catholic Relief Services; <https://www.crs.org/resource-center/pilgrims-solidarity>  
*A prayer of solidarity with refugees, migrants and victims of human trafficking everywhere.*

The Traveler's Prayer, Catholic Relief Services; <https://www.crs.org/sites/default/files/usops-resources/the-travelers-prayer.pdf>

*A prayer for protection in our travels, and solidarity with travelers everywhere.*

Prayer With Children for Syrian Refugees, Catholic Relief Services;

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*A litany that can be used to pray for Syrian refugees with children.*

Our True Homeland is Heaven, Catholic Relief Services; <https://www.crs.org/sites/default/files/usops-resources/our-true-homeland-is-heaven.pdf>

*A Lenten prayer of solidarity with refugees everywhere.*

A Joyful Mysteries of Rosary With Reflections on Refugees, Catholic Relief Services;

[https://www.crs.org/sites/default/files/usops-](https://www.crs.org/sites/default/files/usops-resources/joyful_mysteries_of_the_rosary_with_reflections_on_refugees_0.pptx)

[resources/joyful\\_mysteries\\_of\\_the\\_rosary\\_with\\_reflections\\_on\\_refugees\\_0.pptx](https://www.crs.org/sites/default/files/usops-resources/joyful_mysteries_of_the_rosary_with_reflections_on_refugees_0.pptx)

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Remember the Immigrant Litany, Immigrant Worker Justice;

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[http://files.www.iwj.org/resources/2017-advent-reflection-guide-a-season-to-welcome-the-stranger/Advent Reflection Guide 2017 0.pdf](http://files.www.iwj.org/resources/2017-advent-reflection-guide-a-season-to-welcome-the-stranger/Advent_Reflection_Guide_2017_0.pdf)

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The Immigrant's Creed, excerpted from The Book of Common Worship: 2018 Edition, Westminster John Knox Press; <https://www.evangelicalsforsocialaction.org/faith-and-public-life/immigrants-creed-2/>

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<https://network.crcna.org/sites/default/files/documents/Litany--Welcoming%20the%20Refugee--PDF%20version.pdf>

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*Call to Worship, Intercessions, Prayers of the People, Gathering Prayer.*

## Toolkits

Refugee Sunday 2018 Toolkit, Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service, 2018; <https://www.lirs.org/refugee-sunday>

*A complete set of resources for a congregation to observe a Refugee Sunday (sermon notes, litany, prayers, education materials).*

Refugee Sunday Materials on Hospitality, Minnesota Council of Churches; <http://www.mnchurches.org/refugeeservices/wp-content/uploads/2011/08/Refugee-Sunday-Materials-on-hospitality.pdf>

*Book recommendations, suggested small group discussions on hospitality, and quotes, scriptures, and other collected resources.*

Refugee Sunday Toolkit, Episcopal Migration Ministries; <https://dfms.formstack.com/forms/emmrefugeesunday>

*A comprehensive toolkit that guides congregations through the process of planning and hosting a Refugee Sunday, including tips for additional activities to welcome the wider community into this special day.*

National Migration Week Toolkit, U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, 2018; <http://www.usccb.org/about/migration-and-refugee-services/national-migration-week/upload/2018-NMW-Final-Toolkit.pdf>

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*Toolkit in support of dedicating a worship service or event in your congregation to Syrian refugees is important to promoting understanding of the plight of individuals seeking safety in the region and in Europe, as well as the need for the United States to contribute additional international humanitarian assistance, resettle more refugees, and ensure that communities have the resources they need to help refugees integrate and thrive as they rebuild their lives.*

Reflection and Prayer for World Refugee Day, Presbyterian Church USA; [http://www.pcusa.org/site\\_media/media/uploads/oga/pdf/reflection\\_and\\_prayer\\_for\\_world\\_refugee\\_day.pdf](http://www.pcusa.org/site_media/media/uploads/oga/pdf/reflection_and_prayer_for_world_refugee_day.pdf)

Holy Days and Holidays Resource, Interfaith Immigration Coalition; <http://www.interfaithimmigration.org/2016/10/13/religious-holiday-resources/>

Las Posadas Navideñas—The Christmas Inns, Catholic Legal Immigration Network;  
<https://cliniclegal.org/posadas>

*Las Posadas Navideñas—is a nine-day religious observance meant to honor Mary and Joseph’s quest for shelter. Every night from Dec. 16-24, neighbors gather to recreate the Holy Family’s experience. They dress up, sing, pray and celebrate the coming anniversary of the Savior’s birth. Immigrants in search of refuge much like the Holy Family, brought this 400-year-old Latin American tradition to their new countries. This resource provides lyrics to the song that is central to the ritual, as well as helpful tips for planning your own posada. Also included are modern-day stories of migrants whose struggles are reminiscent of those of the Holy Family.*

National Interfaith Prayer Action Toolkit, Alianza Americas, 2016  
<http://www.alianzaamericas.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/06/Prayer-Action-Toolkit.pdf>  
*Resources for interfaith prayer related to child refugees from Central America.*

Pastor’s Toolkit: How Do We Talk About the Children and Families Who Are Fleeing Violence in Central America, Interfaith Immigration Coalition; <http://www.interfaithimmigration.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/08/Pastors-toolkit.pdf>  
*Sermon Seeds, prayers, litanies, stories, simple action.*

Worship Materials on Immigration, Unitarian Universalist Association;  
<https://www.uua.org/immigration/worship>

Protect Welcome, Restore Hope: Resources for Worship Services to Honor the Journeys of Refugees and Immigrants, Church World Service; [https://greateras1.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/05/EcumenicalDeclaration-Sunday-Toolkit\\_05.9.17.docx](https://greateras1.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/05/EcumenicalDeclaration-Sunday-Toolkit_05.9.17.docx)

## Simulation Games and Activities

We Did Nothing Wrong: An Educational Simulation About Syrian Refugees, Cabrini University;  
<http://wedidnothingwrong.org/>  
*The simulation exists as a stand-alone program to educate participants on the issues facing Syrian refugees. In a 20-30-minute interaction, participants experience:*

- *who refugees are and the experiences that drive them from their homes;*
- *reenactments of potential options that face refugees as they flee;*
- *simulations of life outside their home country;*
- *reflection, through the lens of Catholic Social Teaching, of what it means to be a refugee and what our response might be;*
- *opportunities to engage in advocacy.*

On the Move: Simulation on the Refugee Crisis, Catholic Relief Services;  
[https://www.crs.org/sites/default/files/usops-resources/simulation\\_on\\_the\\_refugee\\_crisis.pdf](https://www.crs.org/sites/default/files/usops-resources/simulation_on_the_refugee_crisis.pdf)  
*This simulation invites young people to follow a refugee family on their journey to safety. The session takes about 50 minutes, including the debrief and reflection activity.*

Refugees Seeking Safety: An Educational Simulation About Refugees, Cabrini University;  
<http://refugeesseekingsafety.org/>

*The simulation exists as a stand-alone program to educate participants on the issues facing refugees around the world, especially focusing on:*

*(a) unaccompanied minors fleeing gang violence, domestic abuse, and drug cartels in their home countries of Guatemala, Honduras, and El Salvador.*

*(b) Syrian refugees fleeing their war-torn country.*

*In a 30-minute simulation, participants experience:*

- *Reenactments of vignettes typical of the push factors that drive refugees to flee their homes for safety;*
- *Reflections on root causes of the migration, with explanations on what is being done to address “push” factors by agencies such as CRS;*
- *Reenactments of potential options that face a refugee*
  - *If an unaccompanied minor who is detained at the US-Mexico border, obstacles may include detention, legal hearings, and frequent outcomes.*
  - *If a Syrian refugee, their fate may include smugglers, refugee camps, and hope for resettlement.*
- *Explanations, through the lens of Catholic Social Teaching, of proposals for what needs to be done to improve the treatment of the unaccompanied and refugees;*
- *Opportunities to engage in advocacy, including a range of options from social media to petitions to advocacy emails; and*
- *Reflection and prayer to deepen the participants’ commitment to solidarity.*

The Waiting Game: How Asylum Works – And Doesn’t Work, ProPublica;

[https://projects.propublica.org/asylum/?utm\\_campaign=sprout&utm\\_medium=social&utm\\_source=twitter&utm\\_content=1524519383#how-asylum-works](https://projects.propublica.org/asylum/?utm_campaign=sprout&utm_medium=social&utm_source=twitter&utm_content=1524519383#how-asylum-works)

*The U.S. is supposed to be a safe haven for people fleeing persecution. But asylum-seekers face years of uncertainty when they arrive. In this interactive game it’s too dangerous for you in your country. For your safety, you decide that you must leave behind everything you know and head to the U.S. You aren’t certain you will be able to get there. You’re even less certain you’ll be allowed to stay. How long can you last before you give up? Choose a story. Follow the path of immigrants fleeing violence or persecution, and get a glimpse into the complicated, evolving system designed to grant them refuge in the United States.*

Refugees Setting Up Camp: A Group Activity, Church World Service;

<https://greateras1.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/05/Group-Activity-1.docx>

*This activity provides a glimpse into the life of a refugee. Participants are divided into “families” of five persons. Can be done as a stand-alone activity for an hour or for an entire weekend simulation.*

Prayer Stations: Walking with Refugees, The Sanctuary Center;

<http://www.thesanctuarycentre.org/resources/prayer-stations-walking-with-refugees.pdf>

*Use these kinaesthetic prayer stations to help people engage with praying for refugees by symbolically walking with them and connecting with their experiences more. Each station details what if any equipment you need to get together in advance, instructions for setting up, and the text for the instruction signs you will need to display.*

Advent Activities for the Refugee Crisis, Center for Public Dialogue and Office of Social Justice, Christian Reformed Church in North America; <http://dojustice.crcna.org/article/advent-activities-refugee-crisis>

Winds of Change: A Group Activity, Church World Service, 15 minutes;  
<https://greateras1.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/05/Group-activity-2.docx>  
*This activity explores the emotional consequences of becoming a refugee.*

Learning about Refugee Stories at Sunday School, Center for Public Dialogue and Office of Social Justice, Christian Reformed Church in North America;  
[https://www.crcna.org/sites/default/files/learning\\_about\\_refugee\\_stories\\_at\\_sunday\\_school.pdf](https://www.crcna.org/sites/default/files/learning_about_refugee_stories_at_sunday_school.pdf)

40 Day Personal Challenge: “I was a Stranger”, Evangelical Immigration Table;  
<http://evangelicalimmigrationtable.com/iwasastranger/challenge-yourself/>  
*An easy-to-use resource that provides a printable bookmark that lists forty different short biblical passages that related in one way or another to the topic of immigration. Get your bookmark here, stick it in your Bible, and commit to reading one passage each day for forty consecutive days.*

Religious Education on Immigration, Unitarian Universalist Association;  
<https://www.uua.org/immigration/re>  
*Study guide, worship, action, children’s education, general assembly presentation, films, videos, books, songs, youth resources.*

## Listserves

Center for American Progress, <https://www.americanprogress.org/issues/immigration/view/>

Center for Migration Studies, <http://cmsny.org/mailling-list/>  
*Weekly updates on policy and resources, as well as notice of monthly webinars.*

Detention Watch Network, <https://www.detentionwatchnetwork.org/take-action/signup>

Human Rights First, <https://www.humanrightsfirst.org/sign-up>

Interfaith Immigration Coalition, [Interfaith\\_Immigration-subscribe@yahoogroups.com](mailto:Interfaith_Immigration-subscribe@yahoogroups.com)

Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service, <https://www.lirs.org/>

Migration Policy Institute, <https://www.migrationpolicy.org/signup>

Refugees Deeply; <https://www.newsdeeply.com/refugees>  
*Refugees Deeply is an independent digital media project dedicated to covering refugee and migration issues around the globe. Our team, a mix of journalists and technologists, aims to provide readers and experts with the kind of in-depth information that no other media outlet is able to offer. We hope this, in turn, will lead to deeper understanding, greater clarity and more sustained public engagement on this this critical – and quintessentially human – issue.*

Stand For Welcome Action Alerts, Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service, 2018;  
[http://my.lirs.org/site/Survey?ACTION\\_REQUIRED=URI\\_ACTION\\_USER\\_REQUESTS&SURVEY\\_ID=1420#.WmZlAainGUI](http://my.lirs.org/site/Survey?ACTION_REQUIRED=URI_ACTION_USER_REQUESTS&SURVEY_ID=1420#.WmZlAainGUI)

Welcoming America, <https://www.welcomingamerica.org/engage/newsletter>

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Locations and Statistics About Immigration Detention in the US, Freedom for Immigrants, 2018;  
<https://www.freedomforimmigrants.org/detention-statistics/>

Where Cities Help Detain Immigrants, City Lab, July 10, 2018;  
<https://www.citylab.com/equity/2018/07/where-cities-help-detain-immigrants-mapped/563531/>  
*Contracts that rent local beds to ICE for immigrant detention are spread out across the country—including in liberal counties. Includes maps that allow you to identify each facility.*

Center for Migration Studies: Democratizing Data; <http://cmsny.org/cms-research/democratizingdata/>  
*CMS's Democratizing Data Initiative makes demographic data on immigrants accessible to a wide range of users. Launched in 2013, the project provides estimates on the size and characteristics of the US unauthorized and naturalization-eligible populations at national, state and sub-state levels. The initiative offers this information through interactive data tools, tables, charts and groundbreaking reports.*

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[https://migrationdataportal.org/?i=stock\\_abs\\_&t=2017](https://migrationdataportal.org/?i=stock_abs_&t=2017)  
*IOM was established in the aftermath of World War II and seeks to promote understanding that migration benefits migrants and the societies where they relocate, and is now a UN agency. Their website includes a number of studies and reports published in English and other languages about human trafficking, migrant health and employment, displacement after natural disasters, and a number of other migration-related topics.*

Library of Congress; <https://www.loc.gov/>  
*Vast resources including report on refugees and immigrants prepared by the Congressional Research Service.*

Migration Policy Institute; <https://www.migrationpolicy.org/programs/migration-data-hub>;  
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<http://www.netmigration.wisc.edu/>  
*This new website allows users to generate maps and charts of state and county-level net migration using six decades of data.*

Refugee Council USA; [www.rcusa.org](http://www.rcusa.org)  
*Monthly reports on refugee arrivals in the US and state by state analysis of refugee programs.*

United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees; [data.unhcr.org](http://data.unhcr.org)  
*Information sharing portals with data about UNHCR and partners' response to the current emergencies and other protracted refugee crises.*

#### Pew Hispanic Center

Data and resources; <http://www.pewhispanic.org/data-and-resources/>

Immigration trends; <http://www.pewhispanic.org/topics/immigration-trends/>

Mapping the Latino population by state, county and city;

<http://www.pewhispanic.org/2013/08/29/mapping-the-latino-population-by-state-county-and-city/>

*A non-partisan research organization to improve understanding of the U.S. Hispanic population and to chronicle Latinos' growing impact on the United States. Downloadable datasets include the 2004 National Survey of Latinos: Politics and Civic Participation, the 2004 National Survey of Latinos: Education, and the 2002 National Survey of Latinos.*

Roper Center for Public Opinion: Immigration, Cornell University;

<https://ropercenter.cornell.edu/immigration-topics-glance/>

*1935-present. The Roper Center is the principal archive for summary-level (aggregate) and micro-level (raw) public opinion survey data from the major polling organizations in the United States and other nations.*

TRAC Immigration Data Project, Syracuse University; <http://trac.syr.edu/immigration/>

*TRAC's Immigration Project is a unique new multi-year effort to systematically go after very detailed information from the government, check it for accuracy and completeness and then make it available in an understandable way to the American people, Congress, immigration groups and others. A go to source for data on immigration enforcement, detention and many other aspects of immigration.*

Urban Institute: Demographics and Trends; <https://www.urban.org/research-area/immigrants-and-immigration>

*The Urban Institute's research on immigrants and immigration spans three interconnected domains: the role immigrants play in the economy, the challenges immigrants face in different communities, and immigrants' access to the social safety net. We explore the range of policies that affect and are affected by immigrants and immigration and provide reliable information and analysis for policymakers, advocates, and on-the-ground practitioners.*

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Foreign Born Population: <https://www.census.gov/topics/population/foreign-born.html>

American Factfinder: <https://factfinder.census.gov/faces/nav/jsf/pages/index.xhtml>

*United States Census data and reports about immigration. Data includes Census 2000 demographic profiles by country of birth. Reports primarily cover special topics and trends.*

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Myth v. Fact: Asylum Seekers in the U.S., Human Rights First, 2018;  
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### Central American Children and Families

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What You Should Know About Family Detention, Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service, 2018;  
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The Obstacles for Families Seeking Safety & Due Process in the U.S. (infographic), Detention Watch Network, 2018;  
<https://www.detentionwatchnetwork.org/sites/default/files/DWN%20Obstacles%20Infographic.pdf>

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### Enforcement and Detention

Detention: The Whole Truth (infographic), Detention Watch Network;  
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A Short History of Immigration Detention, Freedom for Immigrants, 2018;  
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Stand Together: Messaging to Support Muslims and Refugees in Challenging Times, Welcoming America; <https://www.welcomingamerica.org/content/stand-together-toolkit>

*This guide was created for advocates, service providers, and supporters as a tool to address the backlash toward refugees and Muslim Americans, and to help you proactively engage with community leaders and neighbors.*

Stand Together: Messaging to Support Muslims and Refugees in Challenging Times (webinar), Welcoming America; <https://www.welcomingamerica.org/content/stand-together-messaging-about-muslims-and-refugees-challenging-time>

*In this webinar, we released our new toolkit, Stand Together: Messaging About Muslims and Refugees in Challenging Times. This webinar highlights key areas of the guide and answer your questions about positive communications and engaging your community.*

Deportation Defense Guide for the Faith Community, PICO National Network, 2018;

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## Events

World Refugee Day: 5 Simple Ways to Foster Even Greater Welcome for Refugees, Welcoming America; <http://www.welcomingrefugees.org/sites/default/files/documents/resources/WA%20WRD%20Guide.pdf>

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*An outline for a prayer service for refugees that also includes education and legislative advocacy.*

Presentation that is part of vigil: [http://www.crs.org/sites/default/files/usops-resources/refugee\\_solidarity\\_vigil\\_ppt\\_picture\\_presentation\\_.pptx](http://www.crs.org/sites/default/files/usops-resources/refugee_solidarity_vigil_ppt_picture_presentation_.pptx)

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*A webinar bringing together community leaders, policy experts, and service partners from across the country to discuss the family separation crisis and answer questions. The webinar featured a number of noteworthy speakers -- Abel Nunez (CARECEN), Claudia Munoz (Grassroots Leadership), and Cory Shindel (KIND) -- and offered key updates on legislation, action items, and the situation on the ground.*

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[https://www.confrontglobalpoverty.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/07/Briefing-Documents\\_August-Recess-2018\\_Migration\\_website.pdf](https://www.confrontglobalpoverty.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/07/Briefing-Documents_August-Recess-2018_Migration_website.pdf)

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Action Alerts, Interfaith Immigration Coalition; <http://www.interfaithimmigration.org/recent-legislation/>

Monthly Report Card on Refugee Arrivals, Refugee Council USA; <http://www.rcusa.org/>

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[https://recordings.join.me/blHrRYwsc0Sqfjgd7M\\_jOA](https://recordings.join.me/blHrRYwsc0Sqfjgd7M_jOA)

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<http://www.interfaithimmigration.org/neighbor-to-neighbor-toolkit-and-resources/>

*Neighbor to Neighbor visits are meetings that you and others in your community set up with your Members of Congress and/or their staff to urge them to genuinely support and stand with immigrant families and communities.*

Save TPS Toolkit, Alianza Americas, [http://www.alianzaamericas.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/06/AlianzaAmericas\\_SaveTPS\\_EnglishToolkit-1.pdf](http://www.alianzaamericas.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/06/AlianzaAmericas_SaveTPS_EnglishToolkit-1.pdf)

*A collection of resources to join in the struggle to preserve Temporary Protected Status.*

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*The SOMOS/WE ARE Action Packet, this packet is a set of educational and community mobilization tools to counter racism and xenophobia, and to promote a responsible discourse/rhetoric in our communities as well.*

Passing a Refugees Welcome Resolution in Your City or School, Amnesty International, USA;

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Speakers Bureau, Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service; <http://lirsspeakersbureau.org/>  
*Request a refugee or migrant speaker for church or community group.*

## Art

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A First Look Inside Border Patrol's 'Iceboxes', The Atlantic, 2016;  
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Culture Strike; <http://www.culturestrike.org/>

*A source of art, images, and writing on immigration. CultureStrike's approach grows out of a deep history of artistic leadership within and alongside social movements, from the Mexican mural tradition to the art of the Black Panther newspapers, to ACT UP's street theater and beyond. What's makes our work unique is that we intentionally bring together various strands of cultural and political organizing in order to build shared strategy with creativity at the center. Resources are in four programmatic areas: an Artist Network; a Cultural Strategy, Literary Projects, and Cultural Projects and Events.*

## Poetry

The Refugees (poem), Ann Weems;  
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Home (poem), by Warsan Shire; <https://genius.com/Warsan-shire-home-annotated>

Poetry by Refugees, Center for Public Dialogue and Office of Social Justice, Christian Reformed Church in North America;  
<https://www.crcna.org/sites/default/files/poetry.pdf>

The New Colossus, Emma Lazarus; <https://www.poets.org/poetsorg/poem/new-colossus>

## Websites and Twitter Feeds

Alianza Americas, <https://www.alianzaamericas.org/>

American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) Immigrants' Rights Project,  
<https://www.aclu.org/issues/immigrants-rights?redirect=immigrants-rights>

American Immigration Law Foundation, [www.aifl.org](http://www.aifl.org)

American Immigration Council, <https://www.americanimmigrationcouncil.org/>

America's Voice, [www.americasvoice.org](http://www.americasvoice.org)

Amnesty International USA, <https://www.amnestyusa.org/campaigns/refugee-and-migrant-rights/>

Catholic Legal Immigration Network (CLINIC); <https://cliniclegal.org/>  
*Embracing the Gospel value of welcoming the stranger, CLINIC promotes the dignity and protects the rights of immigrants in partnership with a dedicated network of Catholic and community legal immigration programs.*

Center for American Progress, <https://www.americanprogress.org/issues/immigration/view/>

Center for Migration Studies, <http://cmsny.org/>

Detention Watch Network, [www.detentionwatchnetwork.org](http://www.detentionwatchnetwork.org)

Freedom for Immigrants, <https://www.freedomforimmigrants.org/>

Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society (HIAS), <https://www.hias.org>

Human Rights First, <https://www.humanrightsfirst.org/>

Human Rights Watch, <https://www.hrw.org/topic/refugee-rights>

Immigrant Legal Resource Center, <https://www.ilrc.org/working-at-the-ilrc>

IMM Print, <https://imm-print.com/>

Immigration Advocates Network, [www.immigrationadvocates.org](http://www.immigrationadvocates.org)

Immigration Impact, advocacy and news portal of the American Immigration Council);  
<http://immigrationimpact.com/>

Immigration Policy Center, [www.immigrationpolicy.org](http://www.immigrationpolicy.org)

Interfaith Immigration Coalition, <http://www.interfaithimmigration.org/>

Islamic Relief USA, <https://irusa.org/refugee-crisis/>

Justice for Immigrants, U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, <https://justiceforimmigrants.org/>

Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service, [www.lirs.org](http://www.lirs.org)

Migration Policy Institute, [www.migrationpolicy.org](http://www.migrationpolicy.org)

National Immigration Law Center; <https://www.nilc.org/>

National Immigration Forum, <https://immigrationforum.org/>

New American Economy; <https://www.newamericaneconomy.org/>

Pew Hispanic Center, [www.pewhispanic.org](http://www.pewhispanic.org)

Refugee Council USA, [www.rcusa.org](http://www.rcusa.org)

Share the Journey, <https://www.sharejourney.org/>

*Pope Francis has called for us to share a journey with our neighbors – all our neighbors, not only those who live near us, look like us, speak like us or pray like us. Share the Journey is a global campaign answering the call to encounter and walk with migrants and refugees in support and solidarity. Stories, videos, discussion tools and other resources for local parishes.*

U.S Catholic Bishops’ “Justice for Immigrants” Campaign, [www.justiceforimmigrants.org](http://www.justiceforimmigrants.org)

USA for UNHCR, <https://www.unrefugees.org/>

United We Dream, [www.unitedwedream.org](http://www.unitedwedream.org)

*A network of youth led organizations across the country working to provide a pathway to citizenship for individuals brought to the U.S. as children. They provide resources on reaching out to and supporting undocumented youth in local communities and informing them about the DREAM Act and Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals.*

We Are All America, <https://www.weareallusa.org/>

Welcoming America, <https://www.welcomingamerica.org/>

Welcoming Refugees; <http://www.welcomingrefugees.org/>

Women’s Refugee Commission, <https://www.womensrefugeecommission.org/>

## Sign-on Statements and Petitions

Faith Leaders Letter in Support of Refugee Resettlement;

<http://www.interfaithimmigration.org/5000religiousleaderletter/>

Suffer the Little Children: The Separation of Immigrant Children from their Parents is Not Biblical, Reclaiming Jesus, 2018;

<http://www.reclaimingjesus.org/sites/default/files/downloads/reclaimingjesus.family.pdf>

## Organizing Services

Find your local refugee resettlement organization;

<https://www.acf.hhs.gov/orr/state-programs-annual-overview>

Welcoming + Community Engagement (webinar), Welcoming America;

<https://www.welcomingamerica.org/content/welcoming-community-engagement-0>

*Community engagement is essential in the welcoming framework. This webinar will provide strategies and best practices for community engagement using an equity lens. Participants will distinguish between outreach and engagement and assess their community engagement efforts.*

The Receiving Communities Toolkit: A Guide for Engaging Mainstream America in Immigrant Integration, Welcoming America; <https://www.welcomingamerica.org/content/receiving-communities-initiative-toolkit>

*This tool provides an overview of strategies to engage the broader community in an immigrant integration context and offers numerous examples of projects throughout the country.*

Community Planning Process: For Fostering Greater Refugee Welcome, Welcoming America; <https://www.welcomingamerica.org/content/community-planning-process-guide>

*The world is on the move, bringing diverse people to U.S. communities. Global migration provides an opportunity for local communities to welcome new talent and recognize the importance of an inclusive and dynamic approach. Forward-thinking communities reflect upon what these changes mean locally and how to foster a community climate in which all are welcome and can contribute to their fullest potential. Learn from Boise, ID whose community chose a positive vision for the future where local government, refugee resettlement, community based organizations, schools, and so many others came together to figure out how to help refugees integrate into the community and help all Boiseans benefit from this new opportunity.*

Bridges Not Walls: Strengthening Relationships Between Immigrants and Receiving Communities (webinar), Welcoming America; <https://www.welcomingamerica.org/content/bridges-not-walls-strengthening-relationships-between-immigrant-and-receiving-communities>

*Our communities are changing. Rapid demographic shifts can spark tension and create challenges for both newcomers and long-time residents. So, how do we create a bridge that allows access and justice for all? Listen as Welcoming America discusses how communities can be strengthened by demographic changes. We also discuss how we define the Receiving Community and how to connect long-time residents and newcomers.*

Breaking Bread and Building Bridges Toolkit: Sharing a Meal during the Advent Season, Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service; 2018; [https://www.lirs.org/assets/2474/hfh\\_breaking\\_bread\\_2017.pdf](https://www.lirs.org/assets/2474/hfh_breaking_bread_2017.pdf)

*For many newcomers our holidays and the traditions that surround them are new. We invite you to host a meal, inviting your immigrant and refugee neighbors to “break bread” with you, and discuss how current immigration policies are impacting their lives. We hope that this initial meal will be the first of many meals shared together as you seek to build relationships with immigrants and refugees in your communities.*

Be Not Afraid (No Temas), Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service (in English and Spanish); <https://www.lirs.org/be-not-afraid>

*This collection of resources equip congregations to respond to immigration issues impacting their members and communities.*

Circle of Welcome: Embracing Refugees in Friendship and Love, Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service, 2018; <https://www.lirs.org/circle-of-welcome>

*The Circle of Welcome is made complete when your faith or community group connects with LIRS and a local resettlement agency to accompany a refugee family. Together, we support the refugee family as they rebuild their lives and are recognized as positive contributors to society.*

Learn How You Can Become a Foster Parent, Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service, 2018;  
<https://www.lirs.org/become-a-foster-parent>

Ten Things You Can Do to Accompany Undocumented Immigrants, Justice for Immigrants;  
<https://justiceforimmigrants.org/2016site/wp-content/uploads/2017/05/10-things-you-can-do.pdf>  
*Practical steps you can take.*

Inherent Dignity: An Advocacy Guidebook to Preventing Trafficking for the Purpose of Sexual Exploitation and to Realizing the Human Rights of Women and Girls Throughout their Lives. ICMC and Mercy International Association;  
<http://mercyworld.org/uploads/cknw/files/2018/Trafficking%20Guide%20WEB.pdf>

Discerning How to Welcome Your Neighbor, Catholic Legal Immigration Network;  
<https://cliniclegal.org/resources/discerning-how-welcome-your-neighbor>  
*Guide for discernment, pop quiz, what you can do.*

Pastoral Migratoria, Immigrant Social Ministry, Archdiocese of Chicago;  
<http://www.catholicsandimmigrants.org/ministries/pastoral-migratoria-2/>  
*A collection of resources in English and Spanish for building parish-based groups for service, advocacy and evangelization.*

Manual de la Pastoral Migratoria; <http://www.catholicsandimmigrants.org/pastoral-migratoria/>

Ten Things You Can Do, Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service; [www.lirs.org/10things](http://www.lirs.org/10things)

## Citizenship

How You Can Help: Starting Citizenship Classes at Your Church, Arrive Ministries;  
<https://arriveministries.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/01/Next-Steps-starting-citizenship-classes.pdf>

Citizenship Strategies to Create Welcoming Communities, Welcoming America;  
[https://www.welcomingamerica.org/sites/default/files/WA\\_Citizenship%20Toolkit\\_final\\_0.pdf](https://www.welcomingamerica.org/sites/default/files/WA_Citizenship%20Toolkit_final_0.pdf)  
*This toolkit was developed by Welcoming America and the Immigrant Legal Resource Center, the lead organization of the New Americans Campaign, to provide promising practices and suggestions to engage receiving communities at the intersection of citizenship and welcoming work.*

Citizenshipworks, <http://www.citizenshipworks.org>.  
*Citizenshipworks provides online tools and resources for individuals and nonprofit organizations that provide free or low-cost naturalization application services. If you are a nonprofit that is interested in learning more about Citizenshipworks, please email us at [info@immigrationadvocates.org](mailto:info@immigrationadvocates.org).*

## Detention Visitation

Bring the Sky, Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service; <https://www.lirs.org/start-a-visitation-ministry>  
*Step by step guide for congregations in beginning a visitation ministry to detained immigrants.*

Guide to Visiting People in Immigration Detention, Freedom for Immigrants;  
<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1fo-toQqvflyMz3JztZlkpNu5PvAusoCWmSZ0v7nepUI/edit>

Guide to Starting and Coordinating Visitation Programs, Freedom for Immigrants;  
[https://docs.google.com/document/d/1\\_z2HmUxQ0FGVkaC7nbw6qCC1bY3gJefQzZ6-CgDI0I8/edit](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1_z2HmUxQ0FGVkaC7nbw6qCC1bY3gJefQzZ6-CgDI0I8/edit)

Join or Start a Detention Visitation Ministry, Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service, 2018;  
<https://www.lirs.org/detention-visitation>

Connect with A Pen Pal in Detention, Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service, 2018;  
<https://www.lirs.org/connect-with-a-pen-pal-in-detention>

## English as a Second Language

English As a Second Language: A Toolkit for Congregations, Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service;  
<https://www.lirs.org/ESLToolkit>

ESL From A to Z, English as a Second Language and Immigrant Ministries;  
<http://www.eslim.org/about/esl-resources/>

*Request a free 80-page program manual with 20 supplemental documents that will help you create and run an efficient and effective ESL ministry for your church.*

How to Start an English as a Second Language (ESL) Outreach Ministry In Your Church, The Foundry Publishing; <https://www.nph.com/vcmedia/2356/2356982.pdf>

Starting an English as a Second Language Ministry, The South Carolina Baptist Convention;  
<http://s3.amazonaws.com/AMCMS/how-to-begin-an-esl-ministry.pdf>

ESL Resource Packet, World Relief Seattle; <http://s3.amazonaws.com/AMCMS/how-to-begin-an-esl-ministry.pdf>

*This packet is designed to be a resource for volunteers who are interested in providing effective ESL tutoring for their refugee friend. You will find activities, book recommendations, useful articles, and online resources that can be used to develop meaningful and effective one-on-one ESL lessons.*

ESL New Teacher Resource Guide, California Adult Literacy Professional Development Project, 2006;  
<http://www.lasc.edu/students/bridges-to-success/documents/newinstructorcalpro.pdf>

## Legal Services

National Immigration Legal Services Directory, Immigration Advocates Network, 2018;  
<https://www.immigrationadvocates.org/nonprofit/legaldirectory/>

*You can search by state, zip code, and detention facility and print, PDF and email results in 13 different languages.*

Free Legal Service Providers (list by state), U.S. Department of Justice, 2018;  
<https://www.justice.gov/eoir/list-pro-bono-legal-service-providers>

*The U.S. Department of Justice, Executive Office for Immigration Review maintains a list of free legal service providers. The list notes the specific area in which each organization works.*

Free Legal Referral, American Immigration Lawyers Association, 2018;

*You may also call the Immigration Lawyer Referral Service at (800) 954-0254 or email them at [ilrs@aila.org](mailto:ilrs@aila.org) and state your name, phone number, what kind of immigration lawyer you need (for example, detention-deportation defense), and the city and state in which you need the lawyer.*

#### Avoiding Immigration Legal Service Scams

*If you choose not to use one of the above resources for locating an immigration attorney, please review USCIS's website <https://www.uscis.gov/avoid-scams> on how to avoid scams and take the following precautions:*

- *Only go to an Attorney or a BIA Accredited Representative.*
- *An Attorney must have a license to practice law – Ask to see their law license.*
- *A BIA Accredited Representative must be accredited by the Board of Immigration Appeals (BIA) and work for a 501(c)(3) nonprofit, which is recognized by the Board of Immigration Appeals – Ask to see their accreditation documents.*
- *Notarios, Notaries or Notary Publics are NOT Attorneys or BIA Accredited Representative and they cannot give legal advice.*
- *To file a complaint against a Notario in English or Spanish, visit the FTC's online Complaint Assistant or call 1-877-FTCHELP (1-877-382-4357).*

Immi; <http://www.immi.org>

*Immi provides free, plain language tools to help immigrants understand their rights and options, with an interactive screening, shareable resources, and legal referrals.*

## Sanctuary

Sanctuary Congregations and Harboring FAQ, American Civil Liberties Union, 2017

<https://www.aclu.org/other/sanctuary-congregations-and-harboring-faq>

*Very useful guidance on legal issues for a congregation to consider in offering sanctuary.*

Sanctuary Movement Toolkit, Interfaith Immigration Coalition,

<http://www.interfaithimmigration.org/wp-content/uploads/2013/03/Toolkit-Sanctuary-Movement.docx>

Sanctuary Resources, Sanctuary Not Deportation;

<https://www.sanctuarynotdeportation.org/resources.html>

Presbyterian Church USA Resources on Sanctuary; <http://oga.pcusa.org/section/mid-council-ministries/immigration/sanctuary/>

Sanctuary: A Discernment Guide for Congregations, Presbyterian Church USA;

[http://www.pcusa.org/site\\_media/media/uploads/oga/pdf/pc\(usa\)\\_opw\\_sanctuary\\_final\\_6.21\\_edit.pdf](http://www.pcusa.org/site_media/media/uploads/oga/pdf/pc(usa)_opw_sanctuary_final_6.21_edit.pdf)

Sanctuary Movement, Unitarian Universalist Association;

<https://www.uua.org/immigration/witness/partners/newsanctuary>

Sanctuary Movement (webinar), New Sanctuary Movement, 59 minutes;

[https://recordings.join.me/\\_sNSBcX6VE6Jg5bzh\\_AZg](https://recordings.join.me/_sNSBcX6VE6Jg5bzh_AZg)

## Denominational Statements and Resources

### American Baptist Churches USA (ABC)

- American Baptist Home Mission Societies; <http://abhms.org/ministries/healing-communities/immigration-refugees/>
- Massachusetts Baptist Multicultural Ministry (MBMM); <https://www.mbmm.org>
- “Report from the Capital: Magazine of the Baptist Joint Committee for Religious Liberty,” March / April 2018 (the Baptist Joint Committee is an independent advocacy group with deep roots in the wider Baptist body); <http://bjconline.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/04/March-April-2018-RFTC-for-web.pdf>

### Episcopal Church

- “Presiding Bishop Michael Curry Joins Other Faith Leaders in a Statement on Family Separation at Our Borders,” June 13, 2018: <https://advocacy.episcopalchurch.org/app/document/28873301?0>
- “Refugee Arrivals Update,” March 26, 2018: <https://advocacy.episcopalchurch.org/app/document/27402894?0>

### Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA)

- Immigration; <https://www.elca.org/Faith/Faith-and-Society/Social-Messages/Immigration>
- Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service (LIRS); <https://www.lirs.org>
- “Refugees and a Lutheran Ethic,” by David D. Grafton, Professor of Islamic Studies and Christian-Muslim Relations, Hartford Seminary, published 2017; <https://www.hartsem.edu/wp-content/uploads/Refugees-and-a-Lutheran-Ethic.pdf>

### Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod (LCMS)

- “Immigrants Among Us: A Lutheran Framework for Addressing Immigration Issues”, 2012; <https://www.lcms.org/social-issues/immigration>

### Presbyterian Church USA (PCUSA)

- Immigration; <http://oga.pcusa.org/section/mid-council-ministries/immigration/>
- Resources for welcoming and working with immigrants; <https://www.presbyterianmission.org/immigrant/>
- Resources for welcoming and working with refugees; <https://www.presbyterianmission.org/resource/choose-welcome-action-guide/>

### Reformed Church in America (RCA)

- “Statement on Forced Family Separation”; <https://www.rca.org/protectingfamilies>

### Roman Catholic Church

- Statements of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops on Immigration; <https://justiceforimmigrants.org/news/statements/>
- “Strangers No Longer: Together on the Journey of Hope,” U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, 2003; <http://www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/human-life-and-dignity/immigration/strangers-no-longer-together-on-the-journey-of-hope.cfm>  
*A pastoral letter concerning migration from the Catholic Bishops of Mexico and the United States.*
- Immigration & Refugee Services, Catholic Charities USA; <https://www.catholiccharitiesusa.org/our-ministry/immigration-refugee-services/>
- Maryknoll Office for Global Concerns, “World Day of Peace, January 1, 2018,” a PDF document that provides resources for understanding Pope Francis’ message on “Migrants and Refugees: Men and Women in Search of Peace”; [https://maryknollogc.org/sites/default/files/article/attachment/WDP\\_2018\\_two\\_pager.pdf](https://maryknollogc.org/sites/default/files/article/attachment/WDP_2018_two_pager.pdf)
- Migration and Refugee Services, United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (this web site includes policy statements); <http://www.usccb.org/about/migration-and-refugee-services/>

### Unitarian Universalist Association (UUA)

- Immigrant Justice; <https://www.uua.org/immigration>

### United Methodist Church (UMC)

- “Immigrant Welcoming Communities Resources”; <http://main.umc-gbcs.org/immigrant-welcoming-communities>
- “How United Methodists can support immigrant families,” June 21, 2018; <http://www.umc.org/what-we-believe/how-united-methodists-can-help-immigrant-families>
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### United Church of Christ (UCC)

- “Becoming an Immigrant Welcoming Congregation” (*a document with rich resources*); <https://www.uccfiles.com/pdf/ucc-immigrant-welcoming-congregation-2018.pdf>
- “Biblical References to Immigrants and Refugees”; <http://www.ucc.org/justice/immigration/worship/biblical-references-to>
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- “Immigration and Refugee Concerns,” Massachusetts Conference of the UCC; <https://www.macucc.org/immigration>

### Islam

- The Rights of Forced Migrants in Islam, Islamic Relief Worldwide, 2014; <http://library.had-int.org/the-rights-of-forced-migrants-in-islam/>  
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