

Dear Holy Faith Community,

Pastor Andrea recently informed us that faith-based organizations providing critical services to refugees have lost all federal funding. [Read her pastoral letter here](#). If you are feeling called to respond, I've put together some possible actions for your prayerful consideration.

## Donate

Faith-based organizations that support refugees are facing sudden, drastic budget cuts due to recent executive orders from the President. They are in desperate need of funds so that they can meet the basic needs of refugee families who have recently arrived in the United States and are already in their care. Please consider making a donation.

[Samaritas](#) is a Michigan Lutheran nonprofit that provides refugee resettlement services. Samaritas also does work in foster care, housing, and child and family services. [Donate to Samaritas's refugee services](#).

[Global Refuge](#) is a national Lutheran nonprofit that provides refugee resettlement, welcome and respite services for asylum seekers, economic empowerment and employment, and family unification for unaccompanied children. [Donate to Global Refuge](#).

[Episcopal Migration Ministries](#) focuses on national refugee resettlement, community education, and advocacy for both refugees and migrants. Their Rainbow Initiative brings visibility and aid to LGBTQ+ forced migrants. [Donate to Episcopal Migration Ministries](#).

[Jewish Family Services of Washtenaw County](#) provides resettlement services to refugees in our local community, including food, housing, translation, and legal services. [Donate to Jewish Family Services of Washtenaw County](#).

## Advocate

The Episcopal Office of Government Relations has provided a [form letter in support of the US Refugee Admissions Program](#) that you can send to your US Senators and Representatives.

Global Refuge has also provided a [form letter in support of the US Refugee Admissions Program](#) that you can send to your US Representatives.

You can contact your representatives directly at [www.congress.gov](http://www.congress.gov).

## Learn

Protect yourself from misinformation with this [fact sheet about immigrants](#) from Global Refuge.

If you want to dig deeper, Global Refuge also has a [series of fact sheets](#) about topics that have been in the news lately (scroll down the “Backgrounders and Resources” section).

Episcopal Migration Ministries offers a [monthly newsletter](#) and [bi-weekly immigration updates on zoom](#).

## Pray

Keep refugees in your prayers. Here is a beautiful [prayer](#) from the Refugee Community Center at the Episcopal Church of the Mediator (Allentown).

## Volunteer

You can [volunteer with Jewish Family Services](#) to support refugees in Washtenaw County.

Samaritas has [volunteer opportunities in southeast Michigan](#) (but they don’t currently list any in Washtenaw County).

We hope you find these resources helpful. Please feel free to reach out to us if you would like to continue the conversation.

Yours in Christ,

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