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We will get started shortly.



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Episcopal Action on Resettlement Webinar

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Agenda

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PRAYER AND REFLECTION

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About the LGLN Series and Today's Webinar

Introductions of Today's Presenters & Panelists

Prayer & Reflection

The Rev. Esmail Dezhbod

Baptismal Covenant

Celebrant
People

Do you believe in God the Father?

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Celebrant
People

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the
Virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was
buried.**

He descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again.

**He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the
Father.**

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

Baptismal Covenant

Celebrant
People

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

Celebrant
People

Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of the bread, and in the prayers?

I will, with God's help.

Celebrant
People

Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

I will, with God's help.

Baptismal Covenant

Celebrant
People

Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?
I will, with God's help.

Celebrant
People

Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?
I will, with God's help.

Celebrant
People

Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?
I will, with God's help.

Conversation with our Panelists

Prayer

CONTEXT

Refugees and COVID-19

Early Actions

March 19: United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) and the International Organization for Migration (IOM). On March 19 UNHCR and IOM jointly announced a temporary halt to all refugee resettlement travel.

Threat to Refugees in Camps

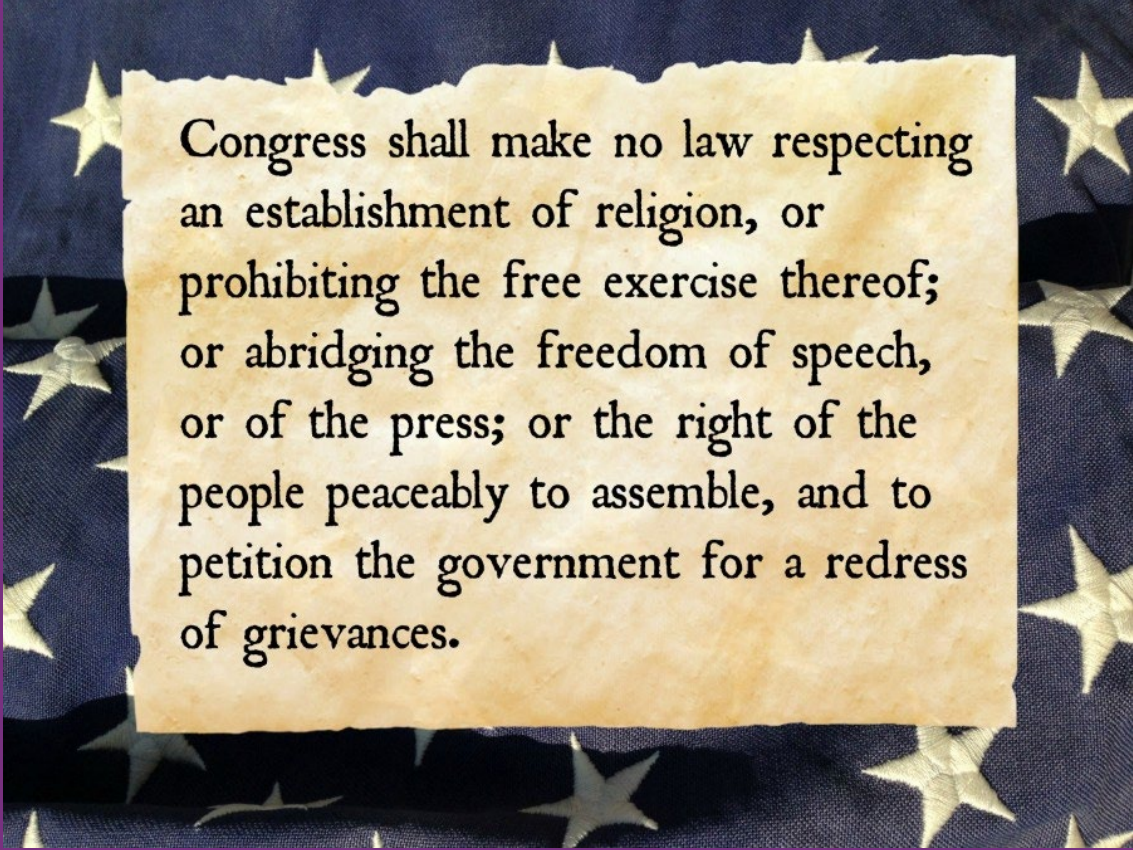
- Refugees in camps around the world are particularly vulnerable
- Conditions in refugee camps are highly precarious
- UNHCR and other aid organizations are working hard to ensure refugees are kept safe from the virus
- There is still much we do not know

U.S.Action

- Lawmakers have an obligation to provide assistance to refugees overseas
- The CARES Act included an extra \$350 million for Migration and Refugee Assistance
- More needs to be done

How You Can Be an Advocate

What is Advocacy?



Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the government for a redress of grievances.

Source: Scholars and Rogues

- Sharing your views with politicians to encourage them to take a certain course of action.
- Activity protected by the First Amendment: “petition the government for a redress of grievances.”

Faith-Based Advocacy



Source: Newsweek

- Yes! It is constitutional!
- No, it does not violate the First Amendment
- Faith voices have played a crucial role in spurring social and political change throughout American history, from the 19th century anti-slavery movement to the modern-day immigrant rights movement.
- Your voice as a person of faith MATTERS.

Advocacy in the Age of COVID-19



- The work goes on despite the COVID-19 pandemic.
- Many ways to engage:
 - Phone Calls
 - Emails
 - Post Cards

How to Engage in Advocacy



Prepare to tell your Congressional leaders:

- Who you are
- Why you care
- What you want

Source: [CNN](#)

**IN THE NAME OF
THESE REFUGEES**



AID ALL REFUGEES
THROUGH INTEREST — FRIENDSHIP — GIFTS

www.episcopalmigrationministries.org

Social Media Advocacy

Post photos of your action on social media using the hashtags:

- #SupportRefugees, #WithRefugees, #EpiscopalAdvocacy, #WRD2020
- Use our Action Day toolkit for tweet suggestions

Practice Advocacy With Your Family

- **Discuss refugees as a family:** Why does this issue matter to you? What do you know about this issue?
- **Watch this brief video from UNHCR about refugees:**
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GvzZGplGbL8>
- **Draft a letter or postcard with your children.** Encourage them to be creative in expressing why this issue matters to them.
- **Participate in a family pledge to continue advocacy for refugees.** Create a document outlining the ways your family can continue to be involved in ensuring protection for immigrants.



Advocacy Asks

Urge your members of Congress to co-sponsor the GRACE Act.

The GRACE Act (The Guaranteed Refugee Admissions Ceiling Enhancement Act, S.1088 & H.R.2146) would:

- set a minimum Presidential Determination (PD) on refugee admissions of 95,000 each fiscal year; and,
- mandate quarterly reports on refugee admissions, increasing transparency, accountability, and oversight.

Q&A

Take Action

- Episcopal Action Toolkit
 - Will arrive to your inbox today via follow-up email!
- Action Alert
 - Will be in your inbox today (follow-up email), on EPPN social media, and in chat box.
- Call your Members of Congress
 - Capitol Switchboard: (202) 224-3121
- Head to social media
 - #SupportRefugees, #WithRefugees, #EpiscopalAdvocacy, #WRD2020

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and Resources

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