

# 9 Things Your Congregation Can Do To Support Asylum Seekers

1. **Engage:** Request EMM's Supporting Asylum Seekers: A Toolkit for Congregations.
2. **Learn:** Offer an educational opportunity for your congregation or wider community: a film viewing and discussion, a Sunday forum class using EMM's 2019 Epiphany curriculum, or a presentation from a local organization that serves refugees and asylum seekers.
3. **Pray:** Use EMM's Prayers of the People for Refugees and Displaced Persons in your Sunday morning worship.
4. **Reflect:** Use the Way of Asylum, a moving interpretation of Stations of the Cross, inspired by the art of Michelina Nicotera-Taxiera.
5. **Teach:** Volunteer locally to mentor and tutor English-language learners.
6. **Give:** Take up a special offering during a worship service to support EMM. Donate to an organization providing direct service. Contact EMM for a list of local organizations near you.
7. **Write:** Participate in a pen pal program and write letters to asylum seekers detained in immigration detention centers. Sign up to participate at LIRS, First Friends of New York and New Jersey, El Refugio, South Georgia Immigrant Support Network, or a program local to you.
8. **Advocate:** Join the Episcopal Public Policy Network to learn more about immigration policy. Take action to support asylum protection by writing and calling your members of Congress.
9. **Connect:** Gleaning ideas from EMM's *Supporting Asylum Seekers Toolkit*, create and maintain a list of organizations in your community that provide support and assistance to asylum seekers. Have this list available at the church so you can provide connections and referrals to a family that might reach out to you for help. If possible, translate this list into multiple languages.

TAKE ACTION!

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