



CONSTITUENT GROUPS IN THE DIOCESE

Crossed Hands Refugee Committee

This partnership between St. Matthew's Church and St. Paul's Fort Garry has been sponsoring refugees since the mid 1980's. The Committee has done family-link, joint assistance, visa office referred, blended visa office referred (BVOR) and full sponsorships over the years. CHRC has also partnered with other organizations, among them, Jewish Child and Family Service of Winnipeg, Hidmona Association of Manitoba, Sierra Leone Refugee Resettlement, Grain of Wheat Church Community and Canadian Palestinian Association of Manitoba. Partnering helps to expand and sustain their work.

St. Mary Magdalene Church

The church is very active in refugee work, sponsoring several families, usually in partnership with the Asian Christian Fellowship.

St. George's Crescentwood Church

St. George's has a long history of sponsoring refugees. Recently they have undertaken two BVOR sponsorships. On an informal basis, they have also supported Crossed Hands' work.

St. Mary la Prairie

This parish has formed a coalition with others in the community of Portage la Prairie and have sponsored two Syrian families and are waiting for a third family to arrive.

St. Margaret's Church

This congregation has also sponsored a family through the BVOR program and submitted sponsorships for several others. In the near future they will be submitting an application for a second BVOR family.

Red River Sponsorship Team

This interdenominational group of interlake churches and other organizations joined together in 2015 to undertake sponsorship of refugees. In 2016, they welcomed two families and in 2018 a third family.

St. George's Brandon

St. George's has been a CG of our Diocese and has one sponsorship still pending. Discussions are presently being held as to how they might continue to do refugee work with our Diocese pending an application by the Diocese of Brandon to become a SAH itself.

Hospitality House Refugee Ministry

HHRM has undertaken the most sponsorships through the Diocese over the years. In 2018, HHRM became a SAH itself. No new sponsorships are being undertaken within our Diocese but several old sponsorships are still pending.

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This parish sponsored a Syrian family through a BVOR sponsorship in 2015 but the family was unable to come to Canada.

St. Chad's and St. Stephen's & St. Bede's

While not actual CGs of the Diocese, members of these congregations have donated money and household items to assist Syrians sponsored by Crossed Hands and have helped with resettlement activities.

Church of the Good Shepherd

Church of the Good Shepherd has also assisted Crossed Hands with its sponsorships, both in terms of practical help as well as fund raising.

If your congregation thinks it might be interested in becoming a Constituent Group or otherwise supporting refugee work, contact the refugee coordinator at refugee@rupertsland.ca