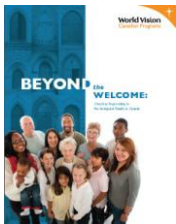


Newcomers to Canada, whether they are refugees or new immigrants, have to make many adjustments when they move into our Canadian communities. The obstacles and barriers to navigating a new culture are many and varied. As our communities become more diverse, our churches have an amazing opportunity to be welcoming, safe, inclusive places for newcomers.

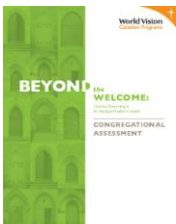
The following on-line, free resources will provide you with more information and be a resource to you and your church.



RESEARCH: Read about the research done by World Vision: <http://www.worldvision.ca/Programs-and-Projects/Canadian-Programs/Documents/BeyondTheWelcome-2011-National.pdf>

AVAILABLE RESOURCES: In 2011, World Vision researched available resource tools for local congregations to use as they welcome newcomers. It is not an exhaustive list, but it is a place to begin the *Beyond the Welcome* journey for churches.

http://www.worldvision.ca/Programs-and-Projects/Canadian-Programs/Documents/BTW_Resource_Toolkit.pdf



CONGREGATIONAL ASSESSMENT: The intent of this assessment is to encourage your congregation to discuss practical ways to love your neighbours who are new to Canada. We hope this will spark helpful conversations within your church, such as *How can we proactively welcome and support new immigrants in our congregation and in the community as they integrate into Canadian society?*

Do a Congregational Assessment http://www.worldvision.ca/Programs-and-Projects/Canadian-Programs/Documents/BTW_CongregationalAssessment.pdf

ACTION PLAN: This *Beyond the Welcome* Action Plan is part of a Resource Toolkit designed to help your congregation develop an intentional response to the needs and aspirations of new immigrants. This step-by-step guide will assist your congregation in moving from discussions to action.

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