



Mini Workshop

Be a Participant with Partners **“Refugees: the people behind the label”** **December 2007**

As Christians we are called “to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with our God.” Millions of people around the world struggle due to injustice. Some of them come to Canada and others wait in minimal circumstances for a response from brothers and sisters in Christ.

Let the following exercise be the catalyst for your diaconate to seek out and/or renew ways to live this call to justice. As you consider, participate and resolve, let the call from God to ‘do justice’ be what inspires you.

- 1. Consider** and describe an example of hospitality in which you played a role as a recipient or a host. Launch a letter writing initiative encouraging the government to address the back log of refugee applications. What are ways to mobilize the congregation in this effort? (10 min)

- 2.** Turn to the Partners issue titled “Refugees: the people behind the label”, and review the article ‘Church and Karen community’. What are ways to open our church’s doors to other ethnic groups and integrate some of the current church’s activities with their activities? (10 min)

- 3. Resolve** to explore the necessary steps to sponsor a refugee family. If a church’s size or current responsibilities prohibit involvement, consider collaboration with other church communities to embark on this needed opportunity. (10 min)

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