

Mission Opportunities and Resources for Congregations

Mission Opportunities

Create a Welcome Basket for a refugee family

Sponsor a refugee family as a congregation

Build relationships with a Mosque in your area

Join iCAN's Key Advocate network

Organize a food and fund drive for MN FoodShare's March Campaign

Join JRLC's Legislative Network

Learn more about volunteer opportunities at www.mnchurches.org/getinvolved

Welcome the Stranger

Refugee Speakers Bureau: stories of determination, tragedy, joy, wisdom and hope.

Immigration Reform: position paper for discussion and presentation resources.

Refugee Sunday: resources on hospitality, worship materials, and planning and outreach guidelines.

Build Relationships with Other Churches and Faiths

Being a Good Ecumenical & Interfaith Partner: Resources for planning ecumenical or interfaith events.

Building Community Through Interfaith Relationships: A presentation available to Minnesota Council of Churches members.

Bring Your Faith to Public Policy Issues

Witnessing for Social Justice in Minnesota: Arrange for a JRLC speaker to lead a forum at your congregation. Topics include Faithful Citizenship, Interfaith Advocacy for Children, Ending Poverty, Public Stewardship and Taxes, Impartial Judiciary, Health Care, and more.

Minnesota Council of Churches is one of four Sponsoring Organizations of the Joint Religious Legislative Coalition.

Minimizing Exposure to Toxic Chemicals: Healthy Spa workshop on how to make safe personal care products; Mindful Living worship and study guide on creation care.

Ending US-Sponsored Torture: a video and scripture-based discussion guide.

Ending Hunger: Fact sheets about hunger and nutrition, advocacy goals.

Minnesota Council of Churches co-sponsors Minnesota FoodShare, a program of the Greater Minneapolis Council of Churches.

Ending Poverty: Educational forums about understanding and ending poverty.

Minnesota Council of Churches is a collaborating organization with A Minnesota Without Poverty.



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Programs

- Anti-Torture Campaign
- Healthy Homes – Healthy Congregations
- Refugee Services
 - Case Management
 - Education
 - Employment
 - Fresh Start Community Gardens
 - Immigration
 - Refugee Supportive Housing Network
 - Refugee Mental Health Initiative
 - Refugee Speakers Bureau
- Unity and Relationships

Partner Programs

- Civic Infrastructure Working Group on Benefits Access
- Interfaith Children's Advocacy Network
- Joint Religious Legislative Coalition
- Minnesota FoodShare
- Minnesota Interreligious Initiative
- A Minnesota Without Poverty

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MINNESOTA COUNCIL OF CHURCHES



www.mnchurches.org



Join together with 2,000 congregations throughout Minnesota in following God's mission. Through the Minnesota Council of Churches you can bring a deepened faith and renewed mission to your congregation and to our world.

Learn: Our staff, volunteers, and partners offer education forums, training workshops, and resources on a variety of issues that are important to the well-being of our community.

Worship: Deepen your faith through worship resources, guest preachers, and experiences of ecumenical and interfaith worship.

Advocate: Recognizing our God-given interconnectedness, we must become advocates for the well-being of the whole community. Learn about opportunities for youth groups, social ministry groups, religious leaders, and individuals.

Volunteer: The Minnesota Council of Churches has opportunities for individuals and churches to be of service, volunteer, and advocate for justice.

Calendar of Events 2011-2012

October 14-16, 2011

Children's Sabbath

January 18-25, 2012

Week of Prayer for
Christian Unity

March 2012

Minnesota FoodShare
March Campaign

March 20, 2012

JRLC's Day on the Hill

March 23-26, 2012

Ecumenical Advocacy
Days

April, 2012

Child Abuse Prevention
Month

April 24, 2012

Earth Day Sunday

June, 2012

Torture Awareness
Month

June - any Sunday

Refugee Sunday

June 20, 2012

World Refugee Day

More than 1 million people of faith strengthening communities.

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