

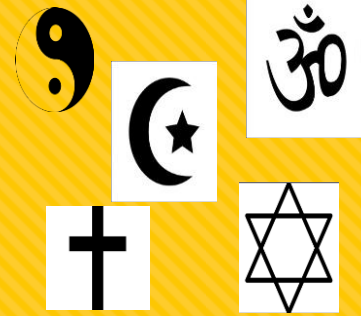
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Newcomers Network

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The Role of Faith-based Organizations



Hospitality to
strangers

The value of
SERVICE

- Refugee Resettlement
- Refugee Shelter
- Settlement Support
- Formation of
Communities in Exile

“When a foreigner resides among you in your land, do not mistreat them. The foreigner residing among you must be treated as your native-born.” - Lev. 19: 33-34

THE PEOPLES CHURCH

374 Sheppard Ave. East, Toronto M2N 3B6

A five thousand member independent non-denominational church with 70 ethnicities represented

Annual budget of CDN\$12M; 60% for Global Outreach

Partnership support in more than 70 countries

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NEWCOMER NETWORK**

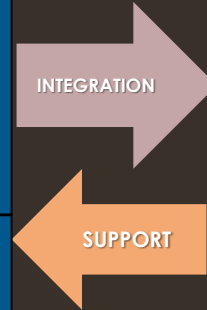
**ADAM HOUSE
REFUGEE CENTRE**

**MATTHEW HOUSE
REFUGEE CENTRE**

**SILAS HILL
REFUGEE CENTRE**



ESL	LEGAL CLINIC	EMPLOYMENT SUPPORT
HOUSING REFERRAL	MEDICAL DENTAL SUPPORT	INTERNSHIP
MENTORING	SETTLEMENT SUPPORT	REFUGEE HOMES SUPPORT
TRANSITION HOUSING	MENTAL HEALTH	NEWCOMERS GATHERING



**LOCAL
IMMIGRATION
PARTNERSHIP**

**MENNONITE
NEWLIFE CENTRE
(Settlement)**

**JVS TORONTO
(Employment)**





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Together in God's global mission

Intercultural Mentoring Network

Volunteer-led: As a church-based ministry, all the programs and services are run and managed by church volunteers to ensure a sense of community



Some Benefits of Group Mentoring:

- Obtain industry specific information to help you

newcomer's
HEALTH FAIR
2017



Screening)

Vocational: all the programs are delivered by a pool of volunteers who offer their professional services (ESL Teachers, Career Mentors, Dentists, Medical Doctors, Psychotherapists, etc.)

mentoring@thepeopleschurch.ca

To register, please access:
Healthfair2017.eventbrite.ca

• Retail

• Finance

Holistic: The provision of support to refugees include emergency housing through the Silas Hill Refugee Shelter to English Language Instruction, Employment Support, Medical/Dental/mental health support, and settlement/immigration services

And settlement services

Strategic Partnership: the delivery of programs and services is enhanced and complemented through collaboration with city and non-profit organizations

THIS TUESDAY 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

@ Church Café

To book an appointment

416-222-3341, ext. 100 or email at newcomers@thepeopleschurch.ca



OPEN HOMES

A Tradition of Hospitality

- Every household in early church was expected to have an extra loaf of bread, extra mattress for strangers.
- Refugee crisis in 4th century led churches to build *xenodochia*, literally “*houses for foreigners.*”

Circle 3

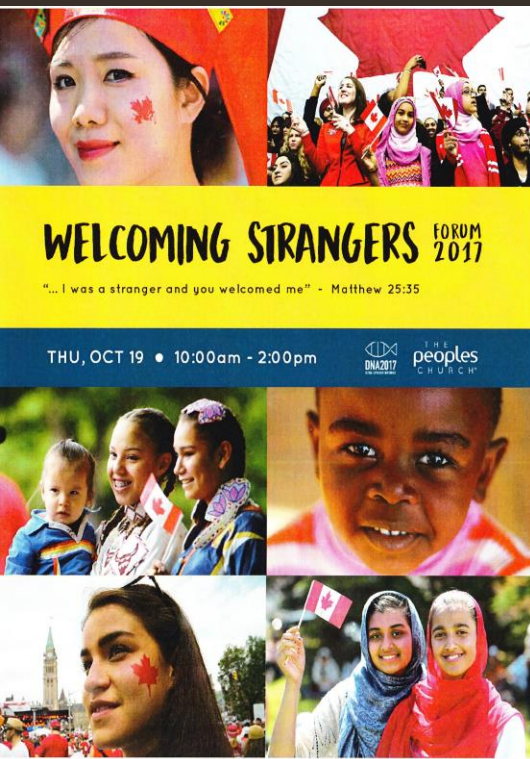
Circle 2

Circle 1

- Circle 1- Hosts
- Circle 2- Partners
- Circle 3- Helpers

NEW INITIATIVES

- INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR REFUGEES (IAFR)- CANADA
- FAITH AND SETTLEMENT COMMUNITY
- WELCOMING STRANGERS FORUM



CHALLENGES

- Intersection between faith groups and non-profit/government sector
- Lack of Research
- Adversarial attitude towards faith-based organizations

Thank You