

# 9 Things Your Congregation Can Do To Support Asylum Seekers

1. **Engage:** **Request** EMM's Supporting Asylum Seekers: A Toolkit for Congregations.
2. **Learn:** Offer an educational opportunity for your congregation or wider community: a film viewing and discussion, a Sunday forum class using EMM's **2019 Epiphany curriculum**, or a presentation from a local organization that serves refugees and asylum seekers.
3. **Pray:** Use EMM's **Prayers of the People for Refugees and Displaced Persons** in your Sunday morning worship.
4. **Reflect:** Use the **Way of Asylum**, a moving interpretation of Stations of the Cross, inspired by the art of Michelina Nicotera-Taxiera.
5. **Teach:** Volunteer locally to mentor and tutor English-language learners.
6. **Give:** Take up a special offering during a worship service to **support EMM**. Donate to an organization providing direct service. Contact EMM for a list of local organizations near you.
7. **Write:** Participate in a pen pal program and write letters to asylum seekers detained in immigration detention centers. Sign up to participate at **LIRS, First Friends of New York and New Jersey, El Refugio, South Georgia Immigrant Support Network**, or a program local to you.
8. **Advocate:** **Join the Episcopal Public Policy Network** to learn more about immigration policy. Take action to support asylum protection by writing and calling your members of Congress.
9. **Connect:** Gleaning ideas from EMM's *Supporting Asylum Seekers Toolkit*, create and maintain a list of organizations in your community that provide support and assistance to asylum seekers. Have this list available at the church so you can provide connections and referrals to a family that might reach out to you for help. If possible, translate this list into multiple languages.

**TAKE ACTION!**

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