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Immigration Ministry Team



Immigration Ministry Update, September 2019

We received many words of support and some offers to participate in the Immigration Ministry after last Sunday's meaningful service, "Who Is My Neighbor", that focused on the immigrant experience. It was a pleasure and an honor to host our asylum-seeking family as well as The Rev. Dr. Ruth Bersin, executive director of Refugee

Immigration Ministry (RIM) and special guests from RIM's Metro North Cluster of which we are a part.

We invite the MUUC community to participate in the important work of our Immigration Ministry. Here's a list of things you can do:

- Housing is a #1 priority. We are in need of temporary host homes or a connection to a more permanent housing situation. The cluster is able to compensate hosts.
- Would someone like to organize a film showing? We'd like to present an inspiring film on the topic of immigration. We have members who are experienced with showing films who could give some pointers.
- Add your name to the list of potential drivers. From time to time, transportation is needed for the family. [Email Michelle](#) to be added to the list.
- We are planning a trip to The Harvard Art Museum on October 26 to view [Crossing Lines](#), [Constructing Home](#), an exhibit about displacement and belonging. Harvard has graciously offered to waive admission fees for our group.

- Be creative! Do you have an idea that would enrich the Immigration Ministry? Join us to discuss the idea and to organize an event or activity.



Thank You for All You Have Done for Our Refugee Family!

Trips to the food bank, taking a child under your wing, a potluck dinner, a donated quilt, help with moving, a trip to Uncommon Threads, attending the interdenominational auction, buying flowers, donating and setting up a desk top computer, slipping us a \$20 at our table during coffee hour.

Our asylum seeking family and your Immigration Team says thanks you!



Raffle and Auction for Asylum Seeking Family

The Immigration Ministry is happy to report that “Supporting the Journey”, the auction and raffle sponsored by area religious organizations, was a great success.

We want to thank everyone in the MUUC community who contributed items, food, time, talent and bids! The quilt donated by the MUUC Quilters was a popular item and several of our members, as part of the a cappella group Blue Of A Kind, entertained us!

Many thanks to all who attended. We can breathe a little easier knowing that we are able to support our asylum-seeking family until they are able to support themselves.

Join Us!

The Immigration Ministry Team is a small group with much to accomplish. Please join us. We meet on the third Sunday of the month at 12 noon. (note: meetings during the summer months TBD)

Your Immigration Ministry Team, Paul B., Michelle D., Nancy F., Kathy K., Barbara L., Carol N.

An Inspiring Story

Here is the story of immigrant Zainab Salbi, who with her husband, launched Women for Women International which has helped hundreds of thousands of women worldwide.

www.ilctr.org/entrepreneur-hof/zainab-salbi/

(photo from The Immigrant Learning Center)

Archived Immigration Ministry Posts:

[Immigration Ministry Team Update Mar 21, 2019](#)

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