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# GLOBAL MIGRATION

There are approximately 1 billion migrants worldwide, of which 258 million are international migrants and 763 million are internal migrants. More than 80 million are forcibly displaced and 26 million are registered refugees. At least 40 million people are known to be trafficked, and over 4 million have become stateless people, meaning they do not have a nationality of any country.\*

Migration flows are part of the world as we know it today. The United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) is working to alleviate the suffering of refugees and migrants all over the world.

How we choose to work with refugees and migrants will be a key challenge in the years ahead. Will we adhere to our biblical mandate to truly welcome the stranger? Might the church be transformed into something greater? Will the church be bold enough to proclaim that there is room for all in the Inn?

\*Source: who.int, unhcr.org and ilo.org.



Photo: Church World Service

## Be the church that welcomes the stranger!



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**Pray** for refugees and migrants of all types, that they may experience grace and safety on their journey and welcome upon their arrival.

**Serve** locally at a Church World Service or Justice For Our Neighbors affiliate. These two organizations are longtime UMCOR partners who provide quality resettlement assistance and legal services to refugees, asylees and other migrants.

**Advocate** for change. Without humane, transparent and predictable immigration policies in this world, migrants will continue to suffer and take unnecessary, sometimes fatal, risks. Contact the General Board of Church and Society ([umcjustice.org](http://umcjustice.org)) to learn how you can work for essential change on this issue.

**Support** UMCOR's response to global migration. Funds are used to provide food, clothing, shelter, legal assistance, education, a listening presence and other support to asylees, refugees, economic migrants, climate change migrants, trafficked individuals and those who are stateless. If we work together as the church, we can bring hope to refugees and migrants around the world.

Please give to the Global Migration Advance, #3022144.  
Thank you for your prayers, service, advocacy and support.

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