



#WeChooseWelcome

for refugees

of all faiths

and nations

May 18, 2016



Welcome & Introductions

Presenters:

- ❑ Teresa Waggener, Immigration Issues Office
- ❑ Susan Krehbiel, Presbyterian Disaster Assistance
- ❑ Rev. Derek Macleod, Myers Park PC, Charlotte, NC
- ❑ Rev. Howard Dotson, First PC, Loveland, CO
- ❑ Rev. Raafat Zaki, Synod of the Covenant, OH

Who is on the Call

Opening Prayer

God of the Journey

Written by: Mark Koenig

Can be found at:

http://www.pcusa.org/site_media/media/uploads/oga/pdf/reflection_and_prayer_for_world_refugee_day.pdf

PDA's role is defined as



**aid to refugees
and displaced
persons,
including
resettlement**

US Partners



- ❑ Refugee Resettlement in 33 locations in U.S.



**Lutheran Immigration
and Refugee Service**

- ❑ Services for asylum seekers, persons in detention



Mid Councils

- ❑ Local ministries to refugees, asylum seekers and other immigrant populations



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Immigration Issues

- ❑ Advice and counsel to mid councils and congregations with members with immigration issues
- ❑ To be a resource to congregations engaged in immigration advocacy
- ❑ Like us on FB: Presbyterians for Just Immigration
- ❑ Follow us on Twitter: @PCUSAImmigrant



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***Holy Discontentment: Lifting Your
Voice for Effective Advocacy***

Reach ***Catherine Gordon at catherine.gordon@pcusa.org***

From North Carolina



Derek Macleod

Visiting refugees
in Greece.



Interfaith Effort

Refugees



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- ❑ To demonstrate welcome through our actions with refugees, asylum seekers & broader community;
- ❑ To promote more generous and welcoming refugee policies, including countering anti-refugee messages and policies;
- ❑ To promote efforts to end the conflicts that cause refugee displacement.

<http://pda.pcusa.org/page/world-refugee-day/>

National Advocacy

- ❑ **South Sudan**
- ❑ **Military Aid to the Middle East**
- ❑ **Addressing the Conflict in Syria**
- ❑ **Legislation on Refugees – Positive**
 - **HR 5207, Freedom of Religion Act**
 - **HR 4646 & S2540, Fair Day in Court for Kids Act**
- ❑ **Legislation on Refugees - Negative**
 - **HR 4731, Refugee Program Integrity Restoration Act**

Governors calling for moratorium	Governors calling for welcome	Governors who have not taken a firm position
Alabama Arizona* Arkansas Florida* Georgia Idaho Illinois Indiana Iowa Kansas Kentucky Louisiana Maryland Maine Massachusetts Michigan*	Mississippi Nebraska* Nevada New Hampshire New Mexico New Jersey North Carolina North Dakota Ohio Oklahoma South Carolina* Tennessee* Texas Wisconsin Wyoming	California Colorado Connecticut Delaware Hawaii Minnesota New York Oregon Pennsylvania Rhode Island Utah Vermont Virginia* Washington + Mayor of the District of Columbia
		Alaska Missouri Montana South Dakota* West Virginia

*** indicates that anti-refugee legislation (bills, binding and non-binding resolutions) has been introduced in the state legislature, as of 28 Jan 2016**

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**First Presbyterian
Oak Ridge, TN**

Collect and Compound the Faith Voice . . .

- Restore Hope
- Represent Welcome
- Inform Lawmakers and Policy makers
- <http://oga.pcusa.org/section/mid-council-ministries/immigration/advocacy-syrian-refugees/>

#WeChooseWelcome In Action



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In Loveland, CO



*Syrian mother living in Ft. Collins
with her 2 sons*

- ❑ Music Benefit for Syrian Refugee Families
- ❑ Hosting 2 families arriving in summer.

Howard Dotson

From Synod of the Covenant



November 18, 2015

Governor John Kasich
77 S. High St., 30th floor
Columbus, OH 43215

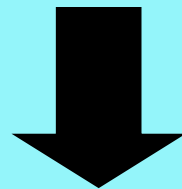
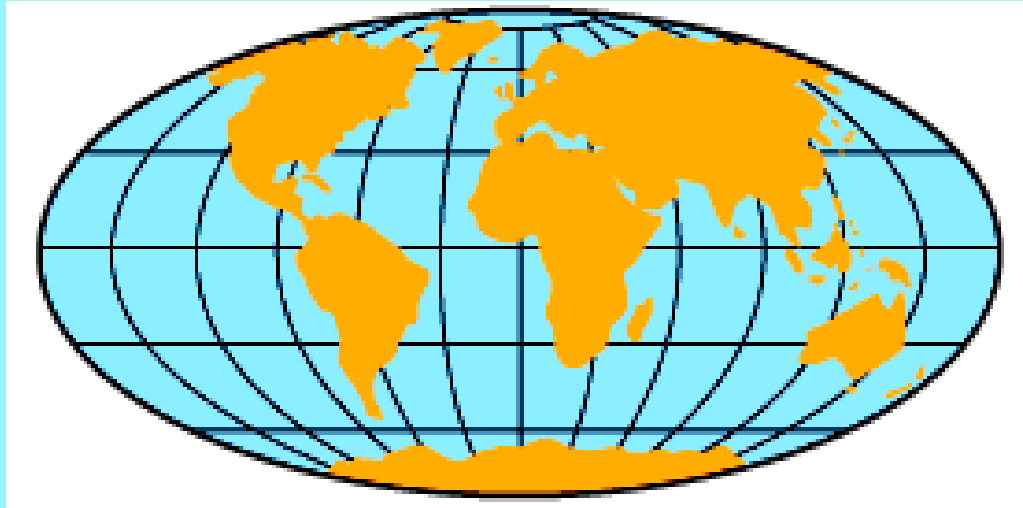
Raafat Zaki



Meeting physical and
spiritual needs . . .
Ministries of Presence
Ministries of
Accompaniment
Ministries of Hope



Of all the refugees in the world



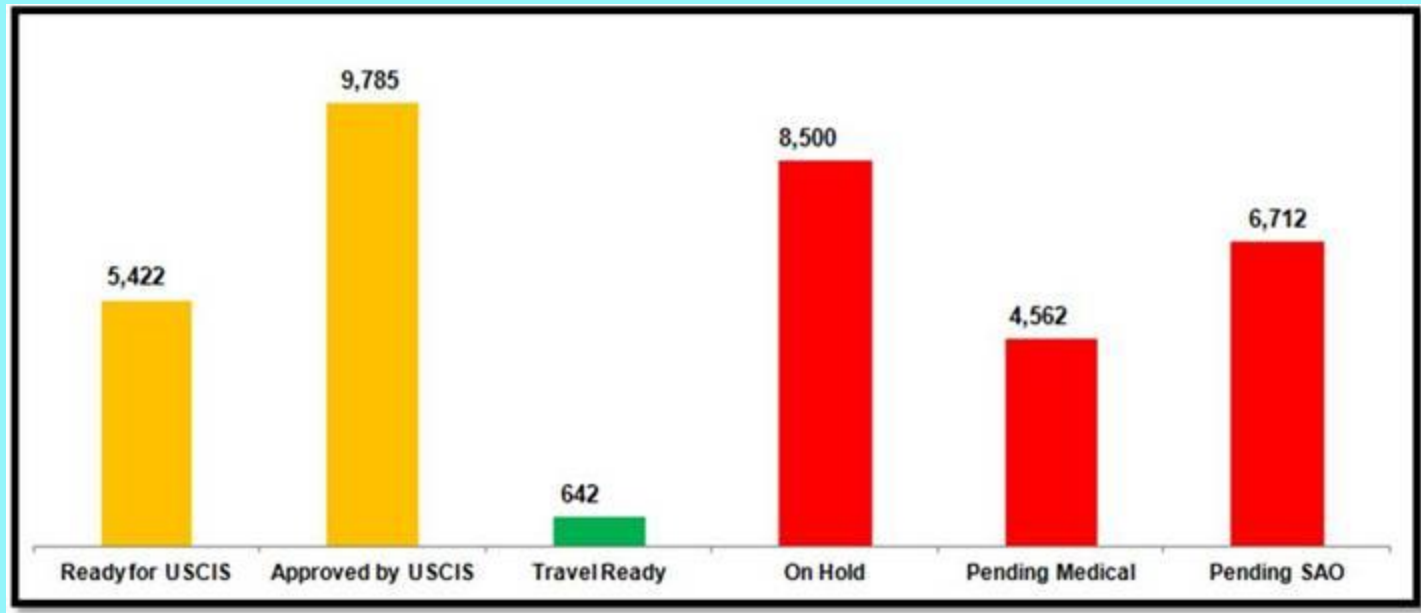
Less than 1 % will be resettled.

Projected Refugee Arrivals in 2016

- ❑ President Obama has committed to resettle 10,000 Syrians among 85,000 resettlement spaces for the year (FY2016) and 100,000 total in FY2017.
- ❑ Resettlement Organizations call for the resettlement of 100,000 Syrian refugees in addition to 100,000 refugees from other parts of the world.

REGION	FY 2015 PROJECTED ARRIVALS	PROPOSED FY2016 CEILING
Africa	22,600	25,000
East Asia	18,200	13,000
Europe and Central Asia	2,350	4,000
Latin America/Caribbean	2,050	3,000
Near East/South Asia	24,800	34,000
Regional Subtotal	70,000	79,000
Unallocated Reserve		6,000
Total	70,000	85,000

Syrian Refugees Waiting



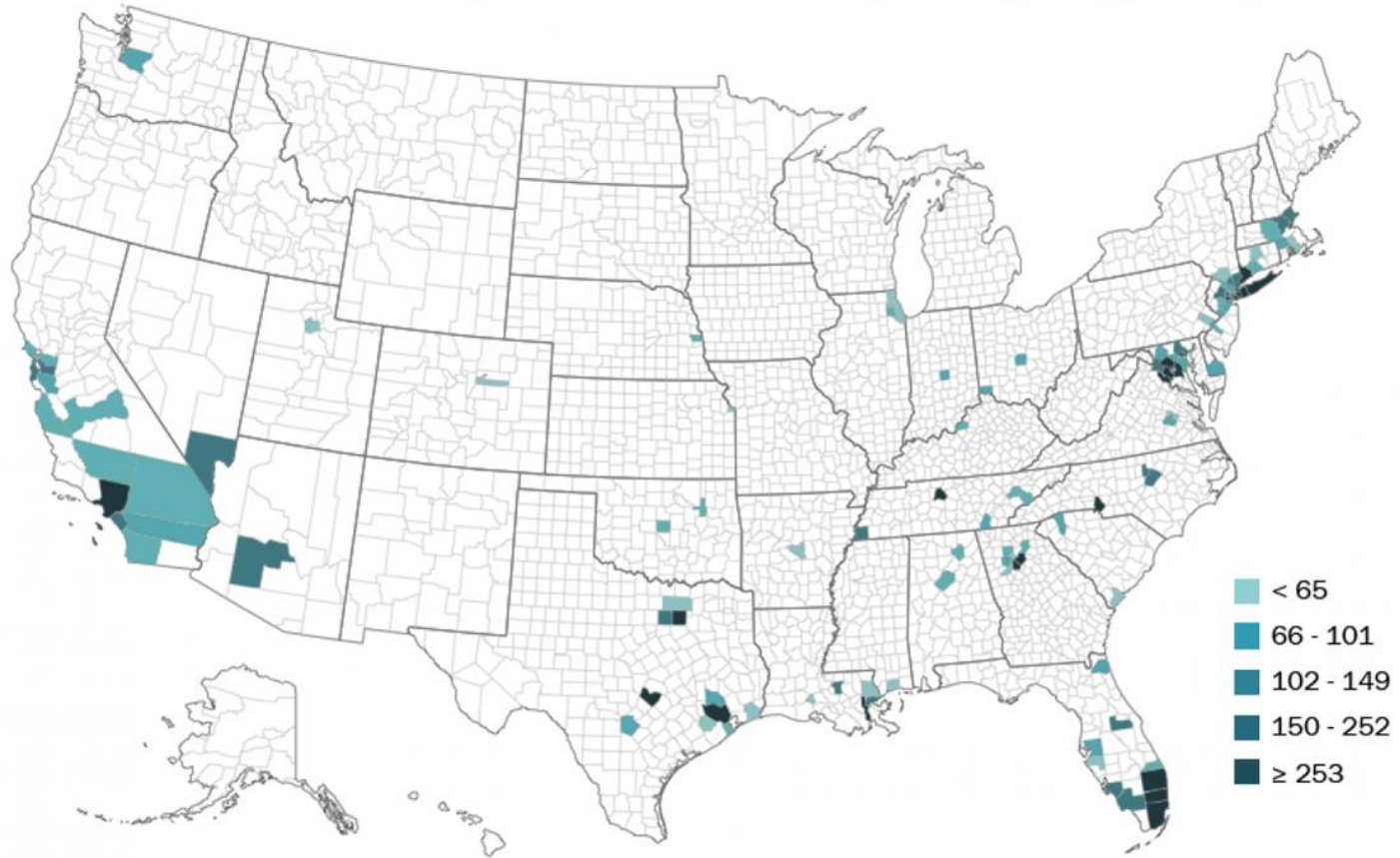
- ❑ From October 1, 2015 to March 31, 2016 the US Government has only admitted 1,353 of the 10,000 goal with a September 30th deadline.
- ❑ Current “surge” effort in Jordan where 80% of referrals are refugees NOT living in the camps.

FY2015 Reception and Placement Program Affiliate Sites



Source: Bureau of Population, Refugees, and Migration, US Department of State

Central American Asylum Seekers



Note: initial numbers on right reflect actual children placed in early 2014. The overall trend of destinations remains the same.



Overtures:

09-04 – Responding to our Sisters & Brothers who are Refugees . . .

11-04 – Protecting individuals from violence & discrimination . . .

08-03 Upholding Peoples & Partners in Middle East . . .

Events:

June 20th – World Refugee Day Luncheon

June 21 – Film: *Locked in a Box*

June 22nd – Immigration Issues Dialogue

Additional Information

<http://pda.pcusa.org/page/refugee/>

<http://oga.pcusa.org/section/mid-council-ministries/immigration/advocacy-syrian-refugees/>

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