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NRT Refugee Ministry

Updates

December 1, 2016

Agenda

Welcome & Introductions

Update on Refugee Resettlement (inc. definition)

Update on Asylum Seekers (incl. definition):

Other Detention & Release Services

2016 GA Overtures & Resolutions - Quick list of what they address and refer to handout

Looking at 2017

Refugee Team Deployments Protocol

Next Meeting: Tuesday, April 25th at national meeting

Welcome



Refugee Resettlement



Trends,
Developments,
Policies

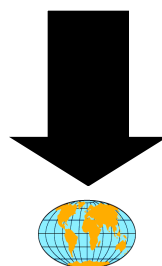
Responses &
Resources



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Of all the refugees in the world



Less than 1 % will be resettled.

Resettlement 2016-2017

- ❑ In 2016, committed to resettle 85,000 resettlement spaces for the year. 84,995 refugees arrived!
- ❑ For 2017 (Oct 2016 – Sep 2017): Current goal of 110,000 refugees resettled,
- ❑ almost 17k have arrived/are booked.
- ❑ CWS already due to receive 25% of their goal
- ❑ Current budget, however, is set for 75,000 new arrivals.
- ❑ Continuing Resolution expires on December 9
- ❑ Expect another CR through March
- ❑ **TAKE ACTION TODAY: Tell Your Local, State, and National Leaders to Welcome Refugees**

<http://www.interfaithimmigration.org/recent-legislation/>

Responses & Resources



Outreach
Networking
OPW Resource
New Videos
Mission Networks

Asylum Seekers (INA 208)

- Suffered persecution or have a well-founded fear that they will suffer persecution due to:
 - Race
 - Religion
 - Nationality
 - Membership in a particular social group
 - Political opinion

Custom and Border Protection Apprehensions FY 2016

- ❑ UAC
 - 2014; 66,115
 - 2016; 54,052
- ❑ El Salvador
 - 2016; 15,987
- ❑ Guatemala
 - 2016; 17,113
- ❑ Honduras
 - 2016; 9,305
- ❑ Family Units
 - 2014; 66,144
 - 2016; 68,080
- ❑ El Salvador
 - 2016; 23,897
- ❑ Guatemala
 - 2016; 20,070
- ❑ Honduras
 - 2016; 17,608



Karnes Family Detention Center

Karnes, TX, U.S.A.

Immigration Court Statistics

<http://trac.syr.edu/immigration/reports/441/>

- 70% of families have no lawyer
- Of unrepresented families only 6.5% manage to file documents to properly request asylum
- In cases with a lawyer 40% gain relief
- In cases without a lawyer only 4% gain relief

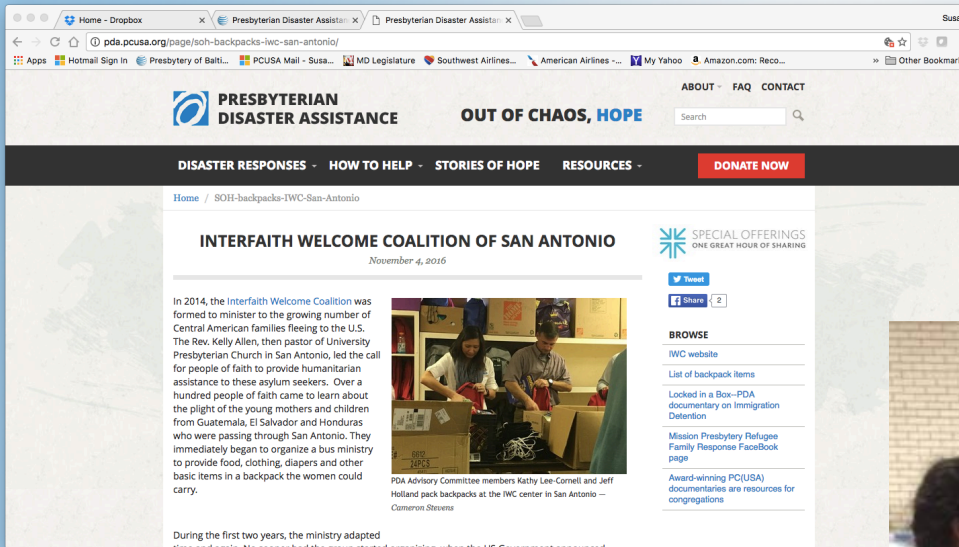
Resources to educate your community and advocate to the Administration

www.pcusa.org/familydetention

[**https://pda.pcusa.org/pda/resource/video-immigration-detention/**](https://pda.pcusa.org/pda/resource/video-immigration-detention/)

- Root Causes Video to be premiered at Big Tent, July 6-8th, 2017, St. Louis, MO
 - Viewings and Discussions at a place near you?
 - Accompaniment Resources
- Your knowledge and experience as organizers and your personal stories

Spotlights



The screenshot shows a web browser displaying the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance website. The page features the organization's logo and tagline "OUT OF CHAOS, HOPE". A navigation bar includes links for "DISASTER RESPONSES", "HOW TO HELP", "STORIES OF HOPE", "RESOURCES", and a prominent "DONATE NOW" button. The main content area highlights a story titled "INTERFAITH WELCOME COALITION OF SAN ANTONIO" dated November 4, 2016. The article text describes the coalition's mission to assist Central American families fleeing to the U.S. and mentions the Rev. Kelly Allen. A photo shows volunteers packing backpacks. A sidebar on the right lists "SPECIAL OFFERINGS" and "BROWSE" options like "IWC website" and "List of backpack items".

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ABOUT - FAQ CONTACT

DISASTER RESPONSES - HOW TO HELP - STORIES OF HOPE RESOURCES - **DONATE NOW**

Home / SOH-backpacks-IWC-San-Antonio

INTERFAITH WELCOME COALITION OF SAN ANTONIO

November 4, 2016

In 2014, the [Interfaith Welcome Coalition](#) was formed to minister to the growing number of Central American families fleeing to the U.S. The Rev. Kelly Allen, then pastor of University Presbyterian Church in San Antonio, led the call for people of faith to provide humanitarian assistance to these asylum seekers. Over a hundred people of faith came to learn about the plight of the young mothers and children from Guatemala, El Salvador and Honduras who were passing through San Antonio. They immediately began to organize a bus ministry to provide food, clothing, diapers and other basic items in a backpack the women could carry.

PDA Advisory Committee members Kathy Lee-Cornell and Jeff Holland pack backpacks at the IWC center in San Antonio — Cameron Stevens

During the first two years, the ministry adapted time and again. No sooner had the group started organizing when the U.S. Government announced

SPECIAL OFFERINGS
ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

Tweet
Share 2

BROWSE

- IWC website
- List of backpack items
- Locked in a Box—PDA documentary on Immigration Detention
- Mission Presbyterian Refugee Family Response Facebook page
- Award-winning PC(USA) documentaries are resources for congregations



Other Detention & Release





Events:

- World Refugee Day Lunch
- Plenary Presentation
- Locked in a Box
- Networking Session

Overtures & Resolutions:

1. Responding to our Sisters & Brothers who are Refugees
2. Protecting individuals from violence & discrimination
3. Upholding Peoples & Partners in Middle East
4. Reaffirming Ministry of Sanctuary and Principles of Sanctuary

Looking at 2017

- Expanded Enforcement
- Potential loss of protection
- Possible halting of resettlement



Responses

- Welcome Campaigns
- Expanded Church Engagement in all types of ministries
- Sanctuary
- Matthew 25 Pledge

Refugee Deployments

- Developing protocol
- Assessment Questionnaire
- On the Horizon – upcoming deployments
- April 25th Meeting – topics, focus



Thank You!



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