

February 6, 2018

Dear Grace Church Family and Friends,

As many of you know, we are working to welcome a refugee family from another country.

After an initial orientation meeting with Lutheran Social Services (the resettlement agency with which we are working) this past fall, our Refugee Ministry Committee has been hard at work, laying the groundwork for all that needs to be done.

Many parishioners, who already expressed interest in helping with this ministry, have undergone a background check, which is required of any volunteer who will be in physical contact with the family. And, you may have noticed a POD, parked toward the rear of the church lot, which we will use to house donations of clothing, furniture, and other household items that will be needed for the family's residence.

There is still much work that needs to be accomplished, though, and if you would like to learn more, join us for Adult Forum this coming Sunday, February 11, when ministry leaders will speak about next steps and ways you get can involved. You can also stop by the Refugee Ministry table in the Undercroft or email Katrina Kugel at [katrinaemmerson@yahoo.com](mailto:katrinaemmerson@yahoo.com).

See you in church,  
*Andrew*