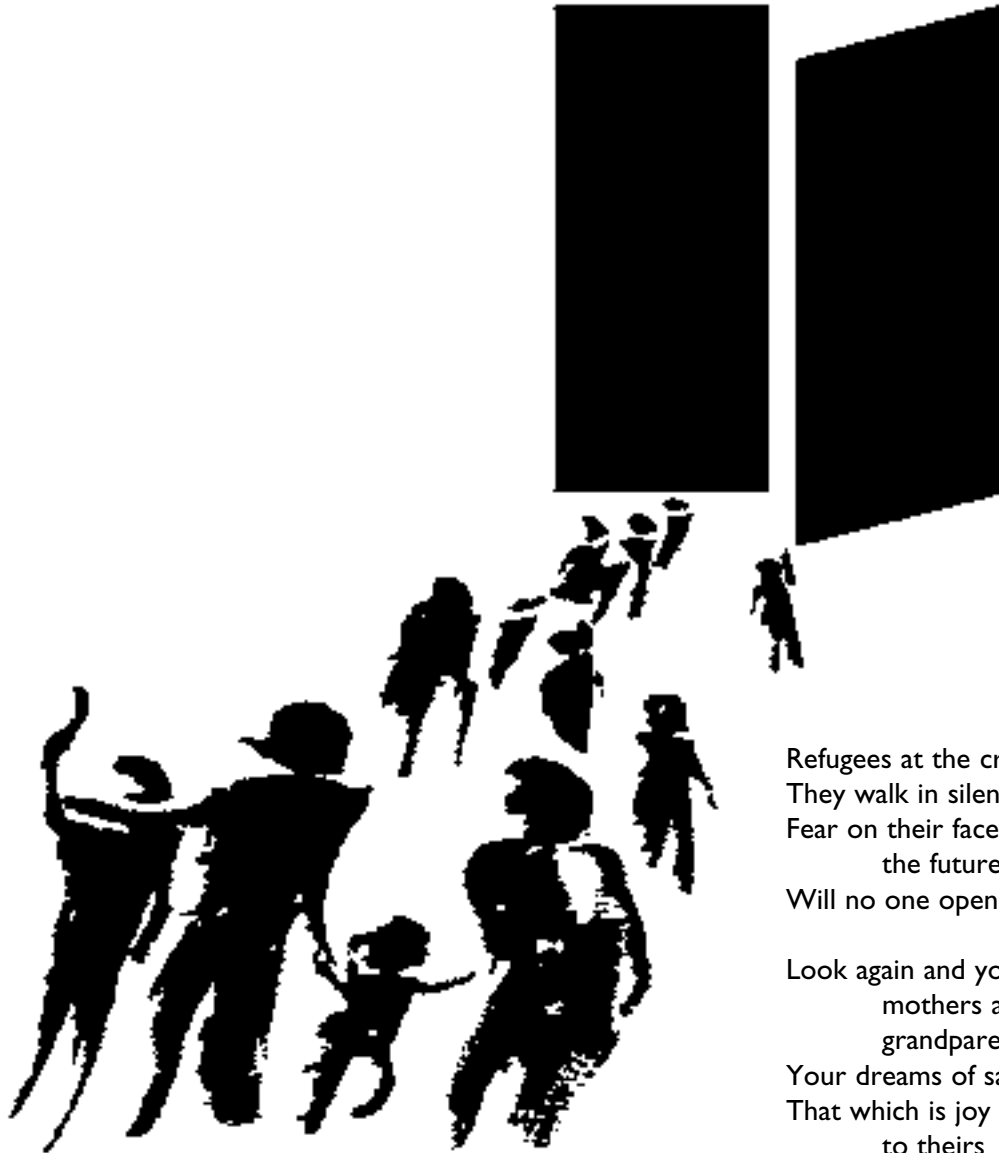


# SPONSOR A REFUGEE



Refugees at the crossroads.  
They walk in silence—clutching hope in their hands.  
Fear on their faces—frightened by the past, fearful of  
the future.  
Will no one open doors to receive them?

Look again and you will see familiar people...  
mothers and fathers, sisters and brothers,  
grandparents.  
Your dreams of safety and security are theirs  
That which is joy to every human heart is not alien  
to theirs  
That peace you long for is the peace they strive for.

Open the doors—sponsor a refugee.

Adapted from "Who Is My Neighbour?"  
CAFOD, London, England

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To sponsor a refugee through The United Church of Canada, contact  
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Uprooted people at the crossroads of life number 20 million refugees, 25 million internally displaced (within their own countries), 30 million economic migrants forced from their homes to survive and the desperate who become fodder for human smugglers and traffickers. In our world, about 1 person in 50 is uprooted.

We know that Christ walks with those forced from home for political, environmental, or economic reasons; with those who have been denied the basic right to remain in their country of origin in safety and dignity; with involuntary movements prompted by survival needs.

Your congregation can welcome the “Stranger” and those with Him who have been made strangers from their own homes.

- Refugees, identified by Canadian Visa Posts abroad, are waiting for our United Church sponsorship.
- Make a commitment to sponsor a refugee in need of a permanent home.
- Talk to people in the congregation and form a refugee sponsorship group.
- Get “And You Also Welcomed Me” from UCRD or check out the refugee sponsorship material on The United Church of Canada website [[www.united-church.ca/humanrights/refugees](http://www.united-church.ca/humanrights/refugees)]
- Use the information to determine whom and how you can sponsor.
- Make a difference in the world: an investment of time, energy and resources gives a refugee (and a congregation) new reason to live.

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