

How to Sponsor an LGBTIQ2+ Refugee For United Church of Canada Communities of Faith

Step 1

As a community of faith, prayerfully discern whether you would like to sponsor an LGBTIQ2+ refugee.

Step 2

If your community of faith would like to sponsor an LGBTIQ2+ refugee, review the two types of sponsorship programs available: **Blended Visa Office Referred (BVOR)** and **Private Sponsorship of Refugees (PSR)**.

In the BVOR program, LGBTIQ2+ refugees who have been identified by the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) as candidates for sponsorship are referred to Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada (IRCC). Refugee program staff from the United Church can send the community of faith's sponsoring group refugee case profiles to review.

In the PSR (named) program, the sponsoring group has direct knowledge of a particular LGBTIQ2+ refugee and names that person as an individual the group would like to sponsor. United Church refugee program staff can send your sponsoring group the paperwork that needs to be completed.

For more information about the BVOR and PSR programs, see [Frequently Asked Questions about Refugee Sponsorship](#).

Step 3

Contact United Church staff to express your interest in sponsoring an LGBTIQ2+ refugee and let them know which sponsorship program your group would like. Please contact:

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Step 4

For the BVOR Program: Complete the sponsorship application forms provided and return them to United Church refugee program staff. The United Church will submit them to the IRCC.

For the PSR (Named) Program: Once the named refugee completes their forms, complete the sponsoring group's sponsorship application forms with the information provided by the named refugee and return them to United Church refugee program staff. The United Church will submit them to the IRCC.