



September 18, 2022 – Pentecost 15 (C) Episcopal Migration Ministries: Neighbor to Neighbor

This month, our friends at Episcopal Migration Ministries share the many facets of their work with refugees and other forcibly displaced people.

Episcopal Migration Ministries (EMM), the refugee resettlement and migration ministry of The Episcopal Church, provides training and ongoing support to faith communities who serve as community sponsors for asylum seekers. Through EMM's Neighbor to Neighbor program, community sponsors welcome their new neighbors by offering friendship, fostering community connections, and providing practical support such as housing, assistance in accessing services and navigating the community, enrolling children in school, supporting adults in learning English and securing employment, and more.



What's the process?

1. Neighbor to Neighbor (NtN) is organized into five phases, with EMM guiding and supporting NtN teams through each step.
2. Discernment: Prospective NtN teams complete an initial interest form and attend an information session.
3. Training: NtN teams are granted access to on-demand training videos and resources, as well as other training materials, so they can learn, plan, and prepare to welcome their new neighbors.
4. Readiness Assessment: NtN teams provide EMM with detailed descriptions of their plans to welcome their new neighbors. EMM reviews the plans, meets with the NtN team, and, once approved, works with partner organizations to match a new neighbor to the team.
5. Matching & Sponsorship: The team welcomes their new neighbors and follows their detailed plan. NtN teams have regular check-in calls with EMM, attend monthly Communities of Practice calls with other NtN teams, and submit reports on team activities.
6. Conclusion: EMM provides each NtN team with resources and coaching on how to bring the community sponsorship relationship with your new neighbors to a close. We reflect with you on the experience and celebrate your work as you, in turn, mark the conclusion of this chapter in your relationship with the new neighbors.

To learn more, complete an initial interest form at bit.ly/ntninterestform.

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EDUCATE

Explore EMM's resources, opportunities, newsletters, webinars, Hometown podcast, blog posts, and more at episcopalmigrationministries.org.

PRAY

Please include Episcopal Migration Ministries regularly in your prayers. Refugee resettlement ministry includes professional staff, but also tens of thousands of volunteers, congregations, and community partners and stakeholders, who all come together to welcome and support our new neighbor.