

Refugees & Immigrants

“For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in.” – Matthew 25:35

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Share Your Ideas

Does your church have an existing ministry geared toward the refugee and immigrant population? We would love to hear about it! Are you looking for effective, practical ways in which to reach out to vulnerable newcomers to our country? We would be happy to help you find the right ministry fit for you and your church!



What can we do?

The fastest growing segment of the Church of the Nazarene in the United States is among ethnic minorities. The great challenge of the Church at large is the fact that the “ends of the earth” have come to our neighborhoods. Developing cross-cultural intelligence is important for all of our congregations.

NCA-NW aims to equip and enable churches to learn how to minister cross-culturally right here at home!

Coming alongside new immigrants as they begin their new lives in the U.S. is an important way we, as the Church, can extend the love of Christ to “the least of these” among us.





The “nations” are at our doorstep

Every local church can do something to help refugees and immigrants!

NCA–NW and WaPac leadership encourage local congregations to utilize the strong partnership between World Relief and the Church of the Nazarene as they plan ministry initiatives. **World Relief Seattle** offers various ways to volunteer in helping refugees new to America.

Volunteering as a “Cultural Companion” is a great way to build relationships with refugees as you help them adjust to their new life in America.

Becoming an ESL classroom volunteer is another fun and effective way you can help!

This fall, the congregation of **The Rescue Church in Sumner**, participated in a “Back-to-School” drive and children’s clothing drive (pictured above) to bless World Relief families in need.

Immigrant Resource Centers

NCA–NW is progressing toward the goal of equipping several Nazarene churches to become **Immigration Resource Centers (IRCs)** in Metro Seattle. In these centers, refugees and immigrants are assisted to start a new life in the USA.

Local church leaders are being trained and certified as we prepare for this exciting new ministry.



Across the US, IRCs are already functioning in churches. On a recent visit to Wenatchee, we were able to tour **Hand in Hand, Missio Dei**, an established, church-based IRC. Director, Thom Nees, shared with NCA–NW leaders about how their legal services ministry is meeting the needs of the local community. It was most encouraging, and we look forward to similar programs developing in the Metro Seattle area.

“Speak up for those who cannot speak for themselves...defend the rights of the poor and needy.” – Proverbs 31:8-9

