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Baptismal Covenant

Celebrant: Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

People: I will, with God's help.

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POLICY UPDATE

Policy Update: Refugee Resettlement

President Trump signed a revised executive order on 3/6/17 that:

- Pauses the resettlement of all refugees for 120 days
- Suspends entry of people from Iran, Syria, Sudan, Yemen, Somalia for 90 days
- Lowers refugee admissions in FY17 from 110,000 to 50,000

This order is currently in litigation and these components are not currently being implemented.

Remember: National security and compassion can coexist.

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TRUMP'S 120-DAY PAUSE WILL HURT VULNERABLE REFUGEES

Refugees only have a 60-day travel window where their clearances align. A four-month "pause" will force thousands to wait years to repeat expired checks.

SECURITY CHECK (SAO) - VALID:	15 MONTHS
INTERVIEW - VALID:	15 MONTHS
BIOMETRICS - VALID:	15 MONTHS
SPONSOR ASSURANCE - VALID:	12 MONTHS
MEDICAL CLEARANCE - VALID:	90 DAYS

60 DAY TRAVEL WINDOW

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“ WE WELCOME THE STRANGER. WE LOVE OUR NEIGHBOR. THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH HAS LONG BEEN COMMITTED TO RESETTLING REFUGEES IN OUR OWN COMMUNITIES FLEEING VIOLENCE AND PERSECUTION. ”

Presiding Bishop Michael B. Curry

Support Refugees: <http://advocacy.episcopalchurch.org/RefugeeAdvocacy>

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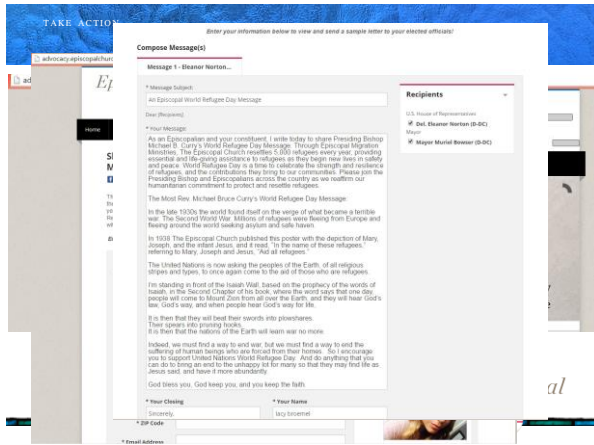
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Refugee Advocacy Week of Action
April 10-21

Download toolkit:
<http://tinyurl.com/RCUSAadvocacytoolkit>

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To Support Refugees

Join the EMM campaign to ensure this work continues!
<http://www.episcopalmigrationministries.org/>

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POLICY UPDATE

Policy Update: Immigration

- Immigration executive orders
 - Enforcement, deterrence, detention
- Sanctuary Movement
- Undocumented youth (BRIDGE Act)
- Legislative solutions

advocacy.episcopalchurch.org/immigration



TAKE ACTION

Call Congress to speak out against funding for increased immigration detention & deportation

Number to dial, sample script, and more info here:
<http://www.interfaithimmigration.org/fundingexecutiveorders/>



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Rise Up! May 1st

National Day of Action & Resistance
<http://www.iamericaaction.org/may1>



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More Action Steps

- Build relationships
- Stay informed
- Have conversations
- Hold a vigil
- Write an op-ed
- Share on social media
- #RefugeesWelcome #FightForFamilies
- Host an event
 - www.RefugeesAreWelcome.org



CONNECT

Connect With Advocates

United We Dream <http://unitedwedream.org/>

Refugee Council USA <http://www.rcusa.org/>

National Immigration Law Center <https://www.nilc.org/>

PICO National Network <http://www.piconetwork.org/>

ACLU People Power <https://peoplepower.org/>

Black Alliance for Just Immigration <http://blackalliance.org/>

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Just remember...

Your voice matters.

"We reject the idolatrous notion that we can ensure the safety of some by sacrificing the hopes of others. No matter where we fall on the political spectrum, we must respect the dignity of every human being and we must seek the common good above all else." – Episcopal Church House of Bishops Word to the Church, March 2015

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