

Annotated Refugee Ministry Bibliography for Church Leaders and Congregations

BOOKS

Michael V. Angrosino. Talking About Cultural Diversity in Your Congregation: Gifts and Challenges. Walnut Creek, CA: AltaMira Press, 2001. The author gives down-to-earth examples and practical information to help congregations identify their cultural assumptions in preparation for welcoming refugees and others from another culture.

Eric H. F. Law. Inclusion: Making Room for Grace. St. Louis, Mo.: Chalice Press, 2000. "Inclusion," says Law, "is a discipline of consciously extending the boundaries of our communities to embrace and affirm people of diverse backgrounds and experiences." In this resource for ministers and church leaders, Law provides models, theories, and strategies that are both practical and theologically sound for moving faith communities toward greater inclusion.

Mary Pipher. The Middle of Everywhere: The World's Refugees Come To Our Town. New York: Harcourt, Inc., 2002. *USA Today* says of this book, "Pipher enters the hearts and homes of refugees who now live virtually from coast to coast, chronicling their struggles.... Her work is a plea for others to join her in a campaign of understanding." This is a great book for a book group or Sunday School class to read and discuss.

Christine D. Pohl. Making Room: Recovering Hospitality as a Christian Tradition. Grand Rapids, MI: William B. Eerdmans Publishing Co., 1999. This book shows how understanding the key features of hospitality can equip us to faithfully carry out the practical call of the Gospel. A study guide is also available.

ONLINE

The Burma Refugee Commission/ABCUSA – offers a wealth of background material and worship resources related to Myanmar (Burma) at: <https://www.abc-usa.org/burma-refugee-commission/>

Center for Applied Linguistics (CAL) - <https://www.cal.org/> - offers a variety of resources to help communities welcome and assist refugees. It also offers resources that help refugees to become self-sufficient in their new communities.

International Ministries ABCUSA – Pastoral, Practical, Prophetic, and Personal: A Resource on Immigration – downloadable in English and Spanish from <https://www.internationalministries.org/pastoral-practical-prophetic-and-personal-a-resource-on-immigration/> This resource is designed to help disciples of Jesus explore what loving our neighbors and doing justice mean in concrete but complex circumstances. The guide draws on biblical resources, the perspective of international missionaries, and American Baptists' ongoing work in immigration and refugee resettlement.

International Association for Refugees - <https://www.iafr.org/toolbox> - provides a toolbox with publications, videos, and other resources for congregations interested in welcoming refugees.

Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Services offers a discernment guide to assist congregations to pray, discuss, and discern how they can best walk alongside refugees and migrants in their community and beyond. It can be downloaded at <https://www.lirs.org/emmaus>