

Presbytery of Northeast New Jersey Refugee Assistance Grant Program

The alien who resides with you shall be to you as the citizen among you; you shall love the alien as yourself, for you were aliens in the land of Egypt: I am the Lord your God. – Leviticus 19:34

Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it. – Hebrews 13:2

Guided by the biblical mandate to love the alien and show hospitality to strangers, The Presbytery of Northeast New Jersey is committed to supporting member congregations in their ministries to refugees. As a tangible sign of that support, the Community Ministries Commission of the presbytery will make available a one-time grant, not to exceed \$8,000, to any member congregation which is active in sponsoring refugees.

The grant can be used by a congregation to provide assistance to a refugee or refugees, who have been accepted into the United States Refugee Resettlement Program and have begun the process of resettlement. Specifically, grant monies can be used to supplement benefits provided by the Department of Health and Human Services: Office of Refugee Resettlement; any funds provided by Church World Service; and any funds provided by the congregation for the purpose of providing for needs such as:

- Housing
- Purchase of furniture, household items, electronic devices
- ESL Training
- Tutoring
- Job Training
- Child Care
- Medical Care
- Counseling
- Legal Fees

Congregations may apply using the attached application. And applications will be considered on a first-come, first-serve basis as long as the funding lasts.

Any questions, contact: Bruce Ballantine @ pastorbruce@firstpresridgewood.org.

**Presbytery of Northeast New Jersey
Refugee Assistance Grant Program
Application**

Congregation Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ **Email** _____

Contact Person: _____

Phone: _____ **Email** _____

Name of the Refugee / Refugee Family:

Number of Adults: _____ **Number of Children** _____ **Ages** _____

Country of Origin: _____

Circumstances under which this individual / family came to the United States:

**Has this individual / family been accepted into
the US Refugee Resettlement Program?** _____ **yes** _____ **no**

Where / with whom is this individual residing at the present time?

What are the most pressing needs of this individual / family?

What are the anticipated costs of helping this individual / family to get settled and become self-sufficient? Please be specific.

How much money is your congregation committing to assist this individual / family?

Will your congregation provide this individual / family with non-monetary assistance? If so, what form will it take?

Is your congregation collaborating with other congregation(s) (or agencies) to assist this individual / family? If so, how much funding will your partner(s) provide, and/or in what ways will your partner(s) provide non-monetary assistance?

If your congregation is not collaborating with partners, have you made a deliberate decision not to do so? If that is the case, what is your reasoning?

What are your goals, and how will you assess the effectiveness of your ministry to this individual / family?

Name / title of the individual completing this application:

Name _____ **Title:** _____

Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Return completed application to:

Elder Jerome Lane: jerome@pnenj.org