

OUTREACH: REFUGEE MINISTRY



Here are some opportunities to assist our neighbors who are part of the Interfaith Refugee ministry. For more detailed specifics, please reach out to the contact provided or our St. John's ministry representative, Susan Fedors, at ensemble@stjohnsec.org.

Volunteer Needs

- Rides to and from Howard Community College for a student.
- Help by tutoring for the two high school students in the English, biology, general science, and computer science.
- Help with being a “conversational English” partner
- Help with English tutoring for an man in Elkridge who wants to improve his written and spoken English.
- Legal assistance to accompany any of our family who have expected, or unexpected, immigration-related appearances, hearings, meetings, etc. You do not have to be an immigration lawyer.
- Help with the Medicaid health insurance loss task force. Next meeting is Friday, Feb 6, 2pm, in person.
- Providing rides to and from work for an assistant

Items/Needs List

- Used laptops in good, working condition, not old (unfortunately, many programs will not load onto older laptops).
- Double bed mattress, boxspring, frame
- Walmart gift cards for food insecure families

Upcoming Dates

- Sunday, February 8, 3:30pm – “accompaniment” training. Free, but registration is required. Contact Roz Zinner at rozzinner@gmail.com
- Sunday, February 15, 5pm – *More Than Hope* cultural event showcasing refugees and immigrants (a fundraiser benefitting local immigrants and refugees). Tickets available at the door. Owen Brown Interfaith Center, Columbia
- Monday, February 23 – regular 4th Monday Interfaith Refugee Ministry meeting. 7pm by Zoom

SOCIAL JUSTICE AND TRANSFORMATION MINISTRY – INFORMATION

Here is an action opportunity for those who ask, what can I do to stand with our neighbors who are immigrants and refugees:

ICE Bystander Intervention Training

Sunday, February 8

2:00 pm - 4:00 pm

1900 St. Paul St.

Baltimore, MD

Contact: Susan Lyke, Congregational Care ministry, about the bystander intervention training ([New Hope Lutheran](#) Church, at info@newhopelutheran.org). Sponsored by [Dreams and Visions Church](#).



PEOPLE ACTING
TOGETHER IN HOWARD

PATH COUNTYWIDE MEETING

Thursday, Feb 12, 6:30–8:00 pm

First Baptist Church of Guilford, 7504 Oakland Mills Rd, Columbia

Join us for our next PATH [Countywide Meeting on Thursday, February 12!](#) During this meeting, we will prepare for our Candidate Forum on March 8th. We'll focus on what specific questions we will ask candidates regarding our issue priorities, preview speakers, and work on turnout.

Please [register here](#)

PATH CANDIDATE FORUM

Sunday, March 8, 3–5 pm

St. John Baptist Church, 9055 Tamar Dr, Columbia

In front of hundreds of people, we will ask [candidates for County](#) Executive and County Council to support our priorities, helping shape the 2026 elections. The event will include breakout rooms by council district. Interpretation into Spanish and childcare provided.

Please [register here](#):

For more information contact Deacon Ruth Elder, relder@stjohnsec.org