

Be Part of the Celebration!

Our anniversary challenges us to pick up the best threads of our history and continue with our own beautiful contribution to God's tapestry.

Here's a few ways in which you can get involved:

- give thanks for the ways our ministry has furthered God's loving purposes
- make a donation to support our refugee sponsorship initiative
- plan a celebration – locally or regionally – of our anniversary and the lives we've transformed
- attend one of the diocesan anniversary celebration events

Our celebrations will culminate at Synod in October with a visit from the Primate of the Anglican Church of Canada.



140th Anniversary Celebration:
www.niagaraanglican.ca/140anniversary

140th Anniversary
Refugee Sponsorship Initiative:
www.niagaraanglican.ca/140refugee

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***Celebrating Lives Transformed,
Transforming Lives Together***





Celebrating 140 Years

On March 17th, 2015 the Diocese of Niagara celebrates the 140th Anniversary of its founding.

Passionately following Christ has looked different from generation to generation, but our response to God's mission has been unwavering. As a way of honouring this legacy of transformational ministry, the Anniversary Campaign seeks to make room for the Spirit by equipping our Diocesan family to compassionately respond to one of the most pressing human needs of our time.

The 140th Anniversary Refugee Sponsorship Initiative, *Celebrating Lives Transformed, Transforming Lives Together*, invites us to take up afresh the act of making room for refugees, those without a country or home and compassionately respond to one of the most pressing human needs of our time.

Why Refugees?

Jesus—himself a refugee—invites us to ministry that transforms lives.

With the crises in Syria and Iraq, the need to resettle refugees has never been greater.

Sponsoring a refugee family does not just change their life, it changes everyone's life.

What better way to celebrate 140 years of lives transformed through our ministry?

Our Goal

We hope to raise enough funds to equip our parishes to sponsor up to 50 refugees through this initiative.

Bishop Michael is asking every Anglican in the Diocese to make a donation according to their ability. In recognition of our 140th anniversary, a gift of \$140 or some multiple thereof has been suggested.



About Refugee Resettlement

The 1951 Refugee Convention spells out that a refugee is someone who "owing to a well-founded fear of being persecuted for reasons of race, religion, nationality, membership of a particular social group or political opinion, is outside the country of his nationality, and is unable to, or owing to such fear, is unwilling to avail himself of the protection of that country."

Globally, there are almost 17 million refugees with over 690,000 refugees currently awaiting resettlement.

Our diocese has come alongside those seeking protection for over a decade. Through our agreement with the Canadian government, any of our churches can become sponsors for overseas refugees.

On average, it costs a parish approximately \$25,000 to sponsor a family of four for their first year in Canada as they are resettled.

Donate today!

Online at:

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Or by mail:

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Make cheques payable to Diocese of Niagara
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