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World Refugee Day June 20



Raising Up World Refugee Day

Each year on June 20, the world celebrates **World Refugee Day**, the international day to honor people who have been forced to flee. It was first celebrated on June 20, 2001, to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the 1951 Convention Relating to the Status of Refugees.

Together, we can champion their right to seek safety, build support for their economic and social inclusion, and advocate for solutions to their plight.

Go Deeper:

- **Episcopal Migration Ministries** – Learn more about our mission.
- **The Rainbow Initiative** – Work with Episcopal congregations and others to bring visibility and aid to LGBTQ+ forced migrants.
- **Refugee Resettlement** – Find resources to help welcome refugees.

Doing this Work:

- **Sarah Shipman** - director of operations
- **Kendall Martin** - senior communications manager
- **Allison Duval** - senior manager of church relations and engagement

The Year Ahead

- **General Convention** – June 21–28, 2024
- **Blue Books** - What will General Convention be discussing, debating, and deciding? You can find it here.
- **Nominees for the 28th Presiding Bishop** - The election for the 28th presiding bishop of The Episcopal Church takes place Thursday, June 26.
- Follow all open proceedings at General Convention on the Office of Communication's media hub [at this link](#).



Give Today

Recognize World Refugee Day with your gift to Episcopal Migration Ministries. iam.ec/wrd



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Ways to Give: **Bless Appeal**

Your gifts to The Episcopal Church Bless Appeal and other ministries make a significant difference. We are so thankful for your generosity as we seek to walk in the way of Jesus through our missions and ministries. Below are some ways to partner with us financially.

Text to give: Text 'Appeal' to 91999

Call: 800-716-6002

Online: [The Episcopal Church](#)

Make a gift of securities.



Featured Podcast

'Hometown: Blessings & Lessons'



Feast Days

July 2 Moses the Black, monastic and martyr, c.400

July 24 **Thomas à Kempis, priest and mystic, 1471**

July 29 **Mary and Martha of Bethany**



Prayer/Meditation

Almighty God, heavenly Father, you have blessed us with the joy and care of children: Give us calm strength and patient wisdom as we bring them up, that we may teach them to love whatever is just and true and good, following the example of our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen