



HELP SYRIAN REFUGEES: ADVOCACY ALERT!!



URGENT: Tell President Obama We Want to Welcome More Syrian Refugees!

Background

As we grapple with increasingly heartbreaking and tragic reports of Syrian refugees dying as they seek safety in the region and in Europe, it is clear that the United States must respond with leadership.

Thus far, the U.S. has only resettled 1,517 Syrian refugees since the beginning of the conflict! While resettlement is not the only solution, it is a critical way the U.S. can support countries like Lebanon, Turkey and Jordan that are hosting millions of Syrian refugees. The United States can and should resettle at least 100,000 Syrian refugees this coming fiscal year, in addition to increasing our total resettlement commitment from 70,000 to 100,000 refugees from all parts of the world.

Take Action TODAY:

- **Sign the petition now** at <https://petitions.whitehouse.gov/petition/authorize-and-resettle-syrian-refugees-us> and demand the U.S. increase the resettlement of more Syrian refugees! This petition is a great first step and already more than 55,000 people have signed on. **To require a response from President Obama, we need 10,000 more signatures before end of day THIS Wed., Sept. 30th!**
- **Call the White House** at 202-456-1111 - feel free to use this script:
The U.S. must show leadership in responding to the global refugee crisis, including in Syria. I urge President Obama to increase refugee resettlement from 70,000 to 100,000 this coming year, as well as an additional 100,000 Syrian refugees.
In 1980, the U.S. resettled more than 200,000 refugees, showing that where there's a will, there's a way. The U.S. must demonstrate leadership and increase refugee resettlement.
- **Share** this alert on social media!
"Sign the petition to demand the U.S. do more in response to the Syrian #refugee crisis! <http://1.usa.gov/1L6zh9l> #WelcomeWorld"
"The U.S. can do more to resettle Syrian #refugees. Sign the petition today if you agree! #WelcomeWorld <http://1.usa.gov/1L6zh9l>"

Thank you for responding together in faith to this epic refugee crisis! For further information, please contact: Rev. Dr. Sharon Stanley-Rea, Disciples Refugee & Immigration Ministries Director, sstanley@dhm.disciples.org, or 202-957-7826.