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August 20, 2026 5:30 - 9:00 p.m.



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Dear Friends,

Although you may not all know the ins and outs of how refugees arrived in the U.S., you likely have experienced the immediate positive impact of their presence. Perhaps your child's first friend in school was a boy from the Democratic Republic of the Congo. Maybe your doctor was able to continue their medical career in the United States after fleeing war in Afghanistan. Or maybe the healthcare worker who cares for your aging parent is from Haiti.

You do not have to be an expert in public policy or solve the displacement crisis in order to support your immigrant neighbors. What you must do is tell the truth. We know that the United States has not, cannot, and will not exist without immigration.

Under this federal administration, refugee resettlement has turned into a political game—and we cannot play games when lives are at risk. We cannot fall victim to the false narratives and propaganda regarding the humanity of our neighbors. We must stop expecting resilience from refugees, and start demanding action and truth from ourselves, our friends, our families and our representatives.

It is our responsibility to maintain hope and push the system in a different direction: One that gives back to those it has taken from. One that views every human life as worthy of a second chance. Refugees are already resilient, capable, inspiring members of our country. Tonight, you will help us honor that truth, maintain hope, and demand more for our immigrant neighbors.

In solidarity,



Cole Varga, CEO



A black and white photograph of a young child with curly hair, shown in profile from the chest up. The child is looking out of a window, with bright light visible in the background. A teal triangle is in the top-left corner.

MISSION

Exodus Refugee Immigration is dedicated to the protection of human rights by serving the resettlement needs of refugees and other displaced people fleeing persecution, injustice, and war by welcoming them to Indiana.

PROGRAM

- 5:30 PM** **Opening Reception**
Silent Auction, Complimentary Beer, Wine, and Vodka
- 7:00 PM** **Welcome and Opening Remarks**
- 7:10 PM** **Dinner and Program**
- 9:00 PM** **Evening Concludes**



SPECIAL GUESTS

Henock Mugovi, Featured Speaker

Henock came to the United States from the Democratic Republic of the Congo when he was 12. Since then, he has been working to start a new life in the U.S. This year, he graduated from Indiana University with his masters degree in BioTechnology.

Chris Waters, Emcee

Chris Waters was the founder and CEO of LUNA Language Services (now Globo). Chris dedicated his career to creating language access for immigrants here in our community.





Help refugees prepare for the life ahead

When you donate to Exodus tonight, you ensure that for years to come, humanitarian immigrants in our community will have the help they need to thrive.



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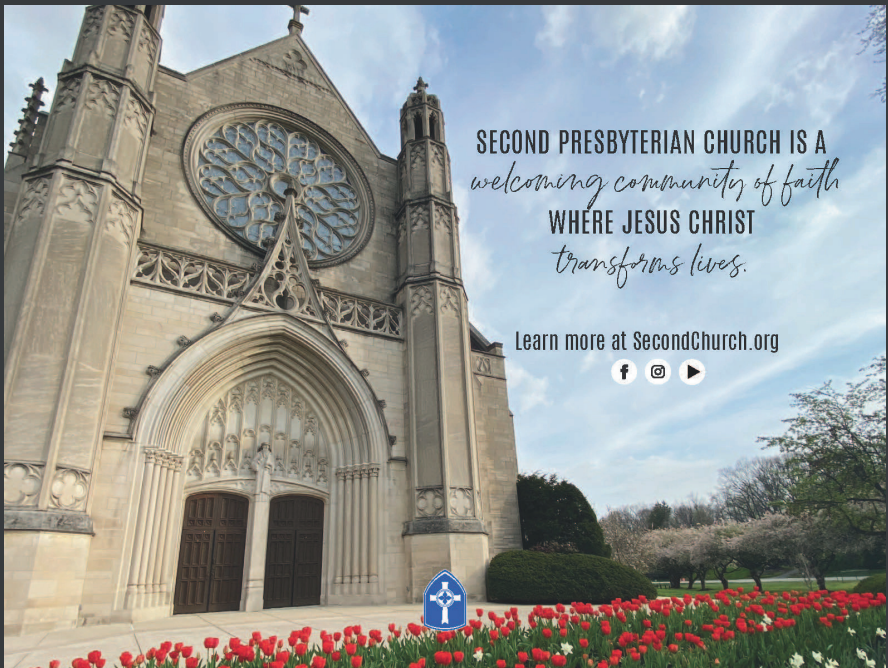
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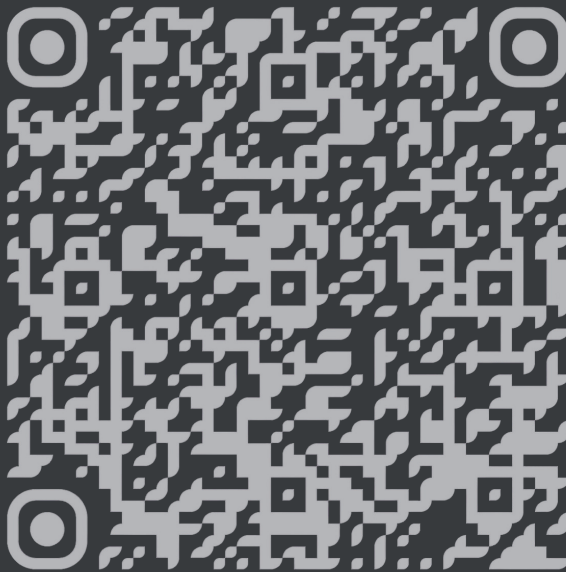
The Humanitarian Immigrant Experience

Sometimes, it's hard to understand what a refugee, asylum seeker, or other humanitarian immigrant has experienced.

Misinformation runs rampant and people often don't understand how or why someone may flee their country.

This interactive activity is designed to help you better understand the journey our immigrant neighbors take to get to the United States.

Scan the QR code below to participate now, and to see how your journey differs from others at your table!



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