



# Church Women United in Madison, Wisconsin

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World Day of Prayer  
Celebration

**COME  
EVERYTHING IS READY**

March 1, 2019

9:00 am Refreshment & Fellowship  
9:30 am Welcome and Announcements  
10:00 am Celebration

Men Are Welcome

Assumption Greek Orthodox  
11 North 7th Street, Madison

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## March Celebration—World Day of Prayer

*Come—Everything Is Ready* is the theme of this year's World Day of Prayer Celebration, which was written by the WDP Committee of Slovenia. On Friday, March 1, come help us celebrate with women around the world at Assumption Greek Orthodox, 11 North 7th Street, Madison. We will gather for refreshments and fellowship at 9 am. Our celebration will begin at 10 am. Men are welcome. Parking is limited, so please try to carpool.

## February Forum

Dale Heights gave us a warm welcome, most welcome on a day with a temperature of 5 degrees. Pastor Roger greeted us and the women gave us a delightful warm and tasty way to recover from the cold travel on icy roads. Thank you, Dale Heights.

*Open Doors for Refugees* was the topic of our February forum.

Our speaker, Hannah Curry, works with this organization that works with refugees who come to Madison seeking acceptance in the United States. Hannah's family is here, she graduated from UW-Madison, and now works full time with Youth With A Mission (YWAM). She has spend 3 years training missionaries in England and has worked in the Philippines. She is a refugee ministry coordinator working with refugees and helping with English as a Second Language (ESL) needs.

She works with Open Doors For Refugees.

Hannah clarified what refugee means. There are different categories of people in distress from other countries. There are internally displaced persons who are still in their own countries but have had to move from their homes. They are still under the protection of their own countries, and they number in the millions.

Asylum Seekers are those who have left their own country and are going to another country for protec-

tion. They have a well-founded fear for their safety.

Refugees have a status granted to only a few. They are now under protection of the UN and the country that has allowed them in.

ODFR works only with refugees, not asylum seekers. There are 25.4 million refugees in the world, half of them children. Refugees are some of the most resilient people Hannah has ever met. 60% are from 5 nations: Syria, Afghanistan, Somalia, South Sudan, and Miranmar.

Since World War II a president can put a cap on the number of refugees we will accept. We rarely meet the cap. Trump's cap is 30,000. Obama's was 100,000. Forty-two different nationalities have come. Wisconsin has taken refugees from six different countries, including Burma and Burundi. Madison presently has 58 people here. We want to show a Madison welcome.

When refugees are brought into a place, there are things they need. ODFR meets them at the airport, takes them to a living place, helps them get settled, and are helping for 5 years. Support comes from federal money to the state to agencies to refugees. Jewish Social Services and Lutheran Social Services have been active, as has Catholic Charities. Now JSS is the one that is active if we get a new refugee.

Refugee status allows getting a green card after one year. This allows the right to work. They also get a social security card. They have to be here 5 years before they can apply for citizenship.

Asylum seekers don't have green cards. They can't work for six months. In order to get a work permit, they need lawyers, which is expensive. Asylum seekers came here illegally, so they need to have a hearing on valid concerns for why they came. They need to set up appointment with a judge who will decide if they get refugee status or are sent home. There are not enough lawyers, not enough judges to handle the asylum seekers.

If a person has special skill, they can receive a visa,

which is different from asylum status. (Faith Bauman reported that she has a resident green card, because she is still a Canadian citizen.)

OPDR has a variety of teams: English language, Apartments, Home Deliveries, Gift Cards, Transportation, Events. They have had events like Thanksgiving House, Jump House for kids, Pumpkin Patch to make them feel welcome and share our culture with them.

Conditions that create refugees are natural disasters, such as drought. Requirements for that status are getting tighter and tighter. They emphasize those fleeing war. Otherwise, to prove you have fear is very difficult. Asylum seekers need God, need help, need character references, need money because they can't work, need a lawyer.

In Madison, Hannah has been trying to find asylum seekers, but they are hard to find here.

Questions for our speaker included, if churches want to support a refugee family, how do we go about it? Talk to Becka Schulz at Jewish Social Services. Being a sponsoring church includes helping set up an apartment, etc., taking kids to the zoo, ESL.

Christ Presbyterian has a program that helps seekers connect with lawyers, receive support. The Emigration Law Center provides pro bono service and can go there for advice. If a church is adopting a family, this is a good resource for them. They meet every other Friday.

Open Doors for Refugees accepts donations. Go to OpenDoors at [gmail.com](mailto:opendoors@opendoors.org).

### **Additional information from attendees of our program.**

Here is some information about the Immigration Law Center that is at Christ Presbyterian Church and was mentioned by our speaker yesterday. —Susan Becker

### **Community Immigration Law Center**

The Community Immigration Law Center, Inc. (CILC) seeks to assist low-income immigrants with their immigration related issues by providing information, support, and referrals to immigration attorneys or accredited representatives.

Community volunteers conduct the walk-in legal clinic. The volunteers include law students who conduct an initial intake interview and either an attorney or an accredited representative who then conducts a confidential interview to discuss immigration issues.

Walk-in clinics are held on the 2nd and 4th Friday of the month from 1:30 p.m. until 5:00 pm at Christ

Presbyterian Church, 944 East Gorham Street in Madison, Wisconsin. In November and December, the clinics are only on the 2nd Friday of the month due to the holidays.

Services are free, although donations are accepted.

Interpreters can be arranged.

.Download the CILC brochure here:

CILC Brochure (English Version)

CILCbrochure-ESPAÑOL

*Questions? Contact Christ Presbyterian Church, 608-257-4845.*

## **Muslim Gathering at Neighborhood House**

Emily Ford forwarded this invitation.

I have received the following message from a group of our Muslim sisters informing us of interfaith meetings which are being planned for the 1st Saturday of each month at Neighborhood House. In a phone conversation with Sadat last night she is hoping that women from FUMC might be able to attend the first meeting which will be held on Saturday, February 2. This will be an opportunity for us to reconnect with some of the women that have been a part of our 2 brunch Interfaith gatherings. It is our hope that we can continue to connect on a more regular basis and it will give us time to develop new friendships within other faith communities in the Madison area. Men are also welcome to attend.

I do plan to go and hope that you will consider attending also! Please feel free to bring friends with you.

If it would be helpful - We can arrange rides from the church parking lot - just let me know. —Emily

Dear Friends,

Wish you all a happy, prosperous, and a peaceful 2019!

We are excited to announce Meet UP, our monthly discussion and fellowship meetings. Meet UP will gather the first Saturday of every month, starting February 2, from 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm at the Neighborhood House, 29 S. Mills St. We are planning to show a movie or listen to a speaker for the first hour and have conversations about the topic in the second hour. Given our mission, our focus will be on Muslims, women, Muslim women, and interfaith topics; but we are open to suggestions. We would like these events to strengthen our friendships with our neighbors and colleagues of all faiths or no faith. Meet UP is free and open to all.

We will kick off on Feb. 2 with a one-hour excerpt of the PBS documentary, "Muhammad: Legacy of a Prophet." More information is available on our website: <https://www.muslimwomenup.com/events-1>

We hope you will join us for watching and discussing "Muhammad: Legacy of a Prophet."

Peace, Seema, Sadat, Jessica, and Cemile

Muslim Women United for Peace

#### **Note from an attendee**

James Place Immigration Services, 262—544-9472, [jpiswaukesha@e.mbrook.org](mailto:jpiswaukesha@e.mbrook.org), 129 W. Broadway, Waukesha, WI 53186

*Thanks to all our CWU members who came and shared in our February program*

## **A MEC (Madison Ecumenical Center) Appeal**

For many years Rita Honnold has served as MEC Treasurer. She is not going to be able to continue secondary to her many responsibilities caring for her husband now.

So the MEC Board is asking you all to consider whether you could use your talent and time to serve in this capacity. Rita will be happy to mentor you regarding the responsibilities and tasks. It primarily involves writing periodic checks and doing some "end of the year" government reporting forms and the years we sell the directories, keeping track of the incoming funds from the sale of the directories. If you are considering volunteering for this, please contact Ruth Hein on her cell at 608-347-4724 or via e-mail at [rich4parse@charter.net](mailto:rich4parse@charter.net).

## **CWU Board Meeting**

Next board meeting is Friday morning, 9:30 am, February 22, 2019, at Bethany UMC, 3910 Mineral Point Road. Coffee and fellowship at 9 am.

## **Ecumenical Choir Rehearsal**

We meet at Bethany UMC, 3910 Mineral Point Road, Madison 53705 from 12 noon to 1:30 pm on the following Fridays. February 8, 22; March 8, 22; April 12, 26, 2019. Come join us.

—Jenny Armstrong, director

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