



# NEIGHBOR TO NEIGHBOR

Neighbor to Neighbor is not a program so much as a network, connecting newly arrived asylum seekers with an Episcopal congregation in their new, local community. Informal and non-legally binding, this relationship between neighbors is designed to be long-lasting and mutual. Through it, we seek to both assist and support asylum seekers the way the church has always helped new members of our community: with love, friendship, guidance, and assistance as needed. Here's how it works:

- 1. Congregations discern, learn, plan, and decide to join Neighbor to Neighbor.**
- 2. Lay led groups from Neighbor Congregations are trained in order that they can best accompany their newly arrived neighbors.**
- 3. Newcomer neighbors (asylum seekers) request assistance in their destination communities and are connected to local Neighbor Congregations for friendship, support, guidance and care.**
- 4. Neighbor Congregations are supported through regular group-work, listening and prayer as well as through ongoing trainings facilitated by Neighbor to Neighbor.**

Rooted in the local community, and in real-time, incarnate relationships between neighbors old and new, Neighbor to Neighbor provides a simple, supported way for Episcopalians to join in community with newcomers to our country who both need so much, and have so much to give.

If you would be interested in hearing more, or in hosting a Neighbor to Neighbor Learning Event for congregations in your diocese, please contact The Rev. Cristina Rathbone, [rathbonecristina@gmail.com](mailto:rathbonecristina@gmail.com), or Allison Duvall, [aduvall@episcopalchurch.org](mailto:aduvall@episcopalchurch.org), for more information.

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