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- Advocates with the Canadian government to designate refugee travel as an essential humanitarian undertaking, especially during the current worldwide pandemic

What action can you take to support the work of CLWR?

- Invite a speaker to learn more about refugee sponsorship
- Volunteer to serve on a sponsorship committee
- Use the hashtag #worldrefugeeday to show your support for the plight of the millions of people who become refugees every year
- Consider sharing resources and engaging your congregation in the ongoing work of CLWR. For more details contact **Heidi Van Schaik**, Church Relations Manager by phone at **1-800-661-2597 ext 204** or via email at **heidi@clwr.org**
- Make a designated donation on-line at clwr.org/refugees to help settle refugees here in Canada and provide a caring community and a welcoming home for them

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