The original Safe Harbor shelter at Christ United Methodist Ministry Center is the ONLY “Immigrant Welcoming Shelter” in Southern California, one of only nine along the border, according to the UN. We have hosted over 6,000 immigrants and refugees since 2016. These are just a few.

The “GateWAY Loft” at CMC in San Diego has helped over 6,000 immigrants, refugees and asylum seekers since June 2016, mostly women and children. These are just a few.

Outside, Looking In

Haitian Mom & Child

Ukrainian Mom & Baby

Dad & Daughter

Refugee Child at Play

Haitian Children

Central American Dad & Daughter

Hispanic Newborn Boy

You & your church can help by joining the:

Support Safe Harbors Network

An ecumenical humanitarian ministry based at Christ Ministry Center (UMC)
3295 Meade Ave — San Diego CA 92116
Rev. Dr. Bill Jenkins, Director
director@cummc.org — (888) 282-6367

SafeHarbors.NET

Keep Refugee Families Together

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Christ Ministry Center
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San Diego CA 92116

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What is Safe Harbors Network?

Safe Harbors is a Network that supports and guides churches, individuals and organizations who are committed to sheltering documented* refugees, immigrants and asylum seekers.

The Safe Harbors Network’s priority is keeping mothers and children safely together.

Unlike Sanctuary churches, a Safe Harbor shelter may be in a church or other safe place (homes, hotels, or other shelters).

A Safe Harbor individual or organization selects how long they will host the refugee(s). For instance, options include making your Safe Harbor shelter a year-round ministry, open one or two weeks a year, or on call as needed.

*documented (with “legal” papers issued by U.S. Immigration Court providing legal U.S. residence until their court hearings)

Safe Harbor immigrants are LEGALLY in the USA.

Pray for us and the refugees!

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The Safe Harbors Network considers itself part of the “Sanctuary Movement”

Thank God Sanctuary Movement congregations are willing to go “all in” to protect immigrants and refugees facing deportation.

But there are few options for the remaining 99% congregations or organizations who want to help. That’s the role of Safe Harbors Network.

Some call Safe Harbors Network "Sanctuary Lite" because it provides a way (between all-or-nothing) for any church or person to be involved.

A few differences between Safe Harbors and the Sanctuary Movement:

1. There is no confrontation with government authorities. In most cases, immigration authorities refer detained immigrants and refugees to us.
2. A Safe Harbor sets the boundaries of commitment, including financial, time (one week, three months, etc.), number of refugees, immigration status, and more.
3. A Safe Harbor crafts its own Agreement with Safe Harbors Network, defining what it can (and cannot) do.
4. A Safe Harbor provides shelter in a member's home, hotel, shelter or church building, or a combination of places.
5. The Safe Harbors Network offers resources and support. This includes "lessons learned" by other Safe Harbors and best practices for operating a temporary (or ongoing) Safe Harbor shelter.

There are more reasons to consider becoming a Safe Harbors Network church, host or sponsor. Contact us to learn how you may "right size" your involvement in welcoming strangers as our Lord commanded us to do.

How You Can Help

1. Become a Member
   You individually and your church may become members of Safe Harbors Network. You may either host or support the congregations hosting immigrants and refugees. You set your own level of commitment (such as time, financial support).

2. Sponsor a Bed
   If you cannot take anyone into your home or church, you can help support those who do. "Sponsor a bed" offers different levels of support:
   - 1 day: $7.50 — 1 week: $62.50
   - 1 month: $250 — 1 year: $3,000

3. Host a Refugee
   You or your church take a refugee (individual or family) into your home or church for a defined time and provide a “Safe Harbor”. Your local team provides for the level of basic necessities (food, clothing, etc.) in your agreement.

4. Become a Donor
   Whether by one time or monthly financial donations, or physical donations (diapers, personal hygiene items, towels, wash cloths, clothes, socks, games, toys) your support will make the lives of our refugees significantly better.

Donations of ANY AMOUNT are greatly appreciated! Online donations at

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