

Radical Hospitality Committee Proposal

In 2022, University Mennonite Church was gifted funds through Allegheny Mennonite Conference from the sale of the International Guest House in DC. Our task as a congregation was to use these funds for "Radical Hospitality." UMC affirmed volunteers to form a committee to evaluate how we might best use these funds in our context. Our committee has been longing for a singular "big idea" to crystalize. After three years of listening to the congregation, completing a congregational survey, and evaluating our ongoing community needs, we continue to see a vital need in the area of refugee advocacy.

Of the \$30,000 Radical Hospitality Fund, our Committee proposes the following:

\$5000 be gifted immediately to Mennonite Central Committee to continue to work at international refugee work, an additional amount beyond our annual budget commitment to this organization in a pressing international moment of need.

\$10,000 to be gifted to Church World Service - Harrisburg (the primary refugee resettlement agency connected to our community) as they continue work with refugee resettlement in Pennsylvania, amid drastic federal funding cuts threatening their future viability.

\$15,000 to be earmarked for ongoing local refugee work, to be provided as needs arise from Centre County Rapid Response/Moshannon Detention Center response work, and the ongoing work of our collaborative State College Interfaith Group. These funds will be gifted with the ongoing oversight of our Radical Hospitality Committee working with our University Mennonite Church Finance Committee.