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Prayers of Intercession for Refugees

Gracious and loving God, you have created every person in your image and filled us with the breath of life. We pray particularly this day for our brothers and sisters whose lives have been shattered by war, persecution, and natural disasters and who find themselves without a home in this tumultuous world, saying,

After each bidding, the people respond:


Hear us, Good Lord.

Concluding prayer:
 Holy God, our source and our eternal rest, receive these prayers into your heart and send forth your Spirit to the ends of the earth that all people may be led into the paths of peace and strengthened for lives of wholeness and joy, in the name of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

Amen.


Source: Episcopal Church of the Ascension, Cranston, Rhode Island

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 Opening Prayer




Introductions

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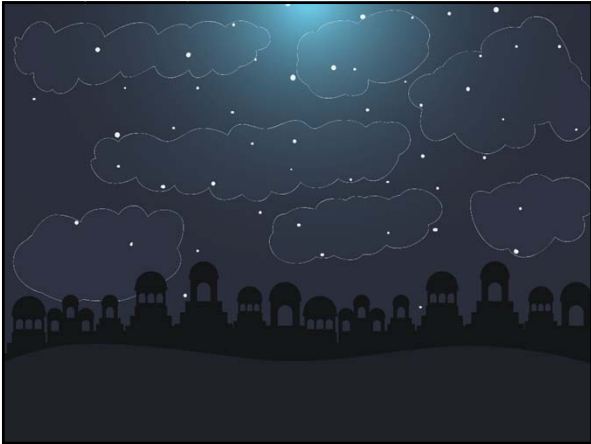
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The Massacre of the Innocents, 1611

Peter Paul Rubens (1577-1640)

Oil on oak

Art Gallery of Ontario

The Feast Day of the Holy Innocents is recognized in the western church on 28 December.

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Image source: [Genographic, National Geographic](#)

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The tomb of Egyptian vizier Rekhmire, ca. 1450 BCE, shows foreign slaves "making bricks for the workshop-storeplace of the Temple of Amun at Karnak in Thebes" and for a building ramp.

Source: Wikimedia Commons. More: <https://www.haaretz.com/jewish/archaeology/1.713849>

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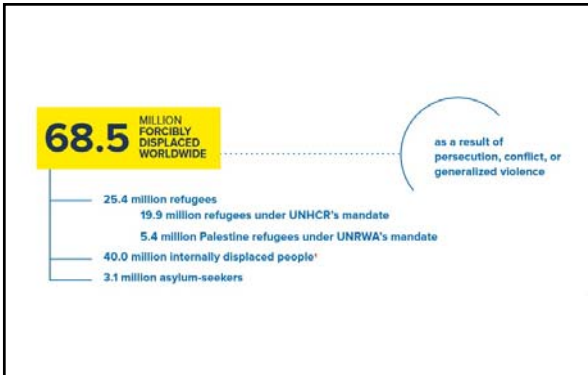




A member of the Libyan coast guard stands on a boat after picking up migrants off of the town of Zuwiyah, 45 kilometers west of the capital Tripoli, in June 2017. Image source: CNN <https://www.cnn.com/2017/06/24/africa/libya-coast-guard/index.html>

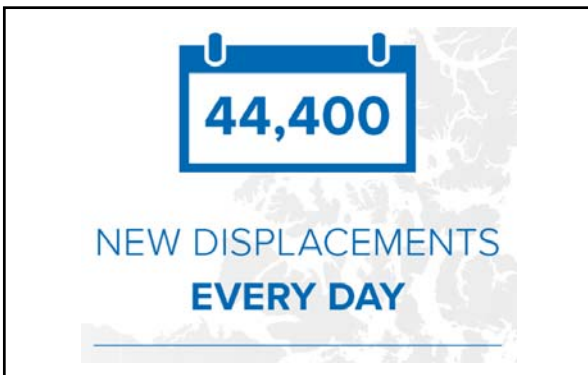
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Refugees
Internally displaced persons (IDP's)
Asylum-seekers

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Refugee-producing
Refugee hosting
Refugee resettlement

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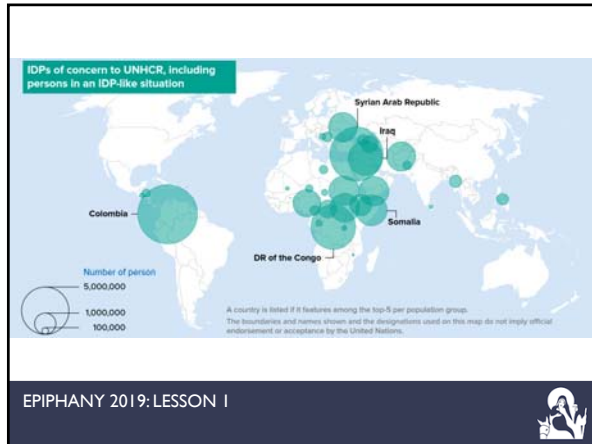


Refugees, including persons
in a refugee-like situation

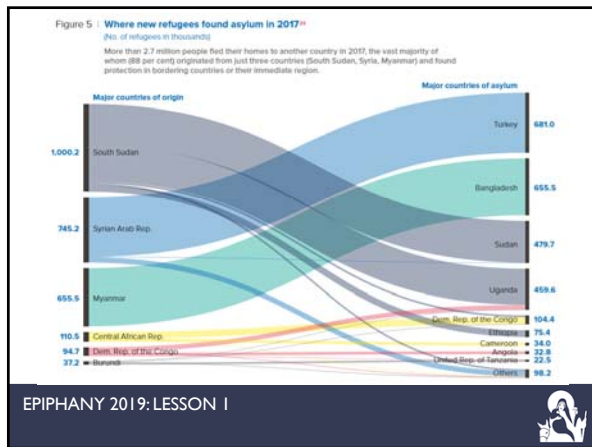


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Durable Solutions

1. *Voluntary repatriation*
2. *Local integration*
3. *Resettlement to a third country*

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Resettlement Eligibility Categories

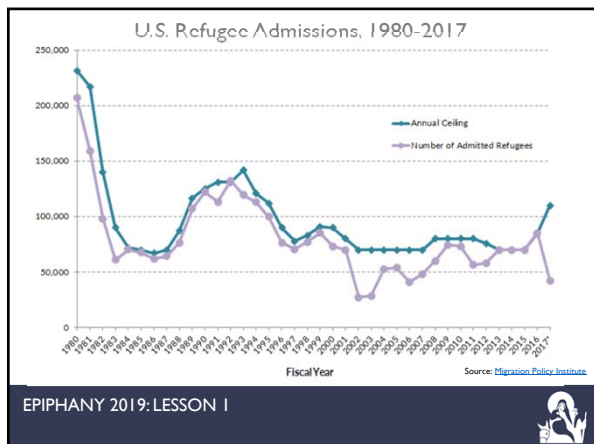
- Legal and/or Physical Protection Needs
- Survivors of Torture and/or Violence
- Medical Needs
- Women and Girls at Risk
- Family Reunification
- Children and Adolescents at Risk
- Lack of Foreseeable Alternative Durable Solutions

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Year	# Refugees Worldwide	# Refugees in Need of Resettlement Worldwide	# Refugees Resettled Worldwide	Refugees Resettled as % of Total
2014	19,500,000	690,915	73,608	.37%
2015	21,300,000	958,429	81,891	.38%
2016	22,500,000	1,153,296	126,291	.56%
2017	25,400,000	1,190,519	65,109	.25%
2018	<i>Data not yet available</i>	1,195,349	41,050; <i>final number may increase</i>	
2019		1,428,011		

Sources: UNHCR Projected Global Resettlement Needs 2014-2019, UNHCR Global Trends Reports 2014-2017, UNHCR Resettlement Data Finder

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IT IS BECAUSE WE ARE FOLLOWERS OF JESUS,
because we follow the WAY OF LOVE
THAT WE MUST BE passionately committed TO HELPING REFUGEES.

When World Refugee Day comes on June 20, I invite you and ask you - help the refugees of this day.

SUPPORT EPISCOPAL MIGRATION MINISTRIES.

Presiding Bishop Michael Curry, World Refugee Day 2018

To support EMM with a gift, visit episcopalmigrationministries.org/give or text: EMM to 41444

What did you learn that you didn't already know?
What surprised you?

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One example of the common anti-immigrant political cartoons of the time.

"The Problem Solved"

Image: Library of Congress

An Irishman and a Chinese man devour Uncle Sam. Then the Chinese man eats the Irishman and steals his hat. The caption reads, "The great fear of the period: that Uncle Sam may be swallowed by foreigners."

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"Our American Church itself needs the richness of spiritual life that will come from the effort to provide for men and women of every race.

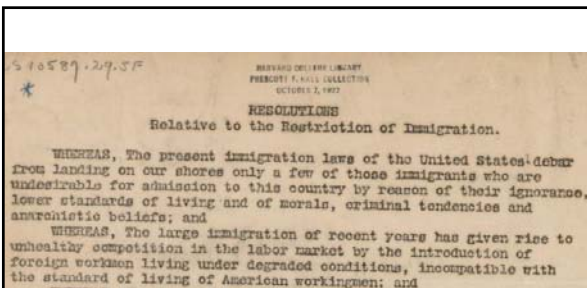
These foreign neighbors of ours have as much to give us as we have to give them.

They can make this Church really American."

– The Rev. Thomas Burgess,
Secretary, Bureau of Immigration,
Episcopal Church Board of Missions

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Text of a resolution of the Immigration Restriction League urging Congress to enact immigration restriction laws.
Records of the Immigration Restriction League, Scrapbook, 1896-1898. Houghton Library, Harvard University, Cambridge, Mass.

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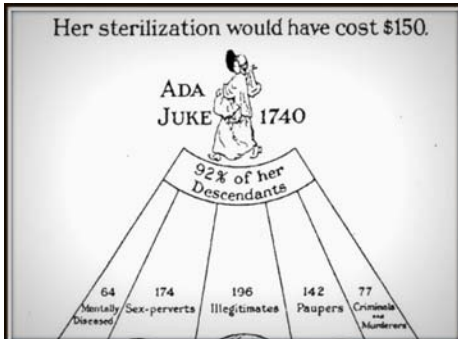


In this story, Dr. Howard A. Knox, Assistant Surgeon of the U.S. Public Health Service, explains how a "doctrine of practical eugenics" is being applied to the selection of immigrants at Ellis Island, including intelligence and literacy tests. Other eugenicists made determinations about an individual's mental fitness based on such things as cranial measurements.

Source: Washington Evening Star, 28 Sept. 1913, via [Chronicling America: Historic American Newspapers](#)
Library of Congress

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Her sterilization would have cost \$150.

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92% of her Descendants

64	174	196	142	77
Mentally Diseased	Sex-perverts	Illegitimates	Paupers	Criminals or Murderers

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In 1907, Indiana passed the first eugenics-based compulsory sterilization law in the world.


Thirty U.S. states would soon follow their lead.

Between 1907 and 1963, more than 64,000 individuals were forcibly sterilized under eugenics legislation.

On the same day in March 1924, the commonwealth of Virginia passed both the "Eugenical Sterilization Act" and the "Racial Integrity Act."

Under the Racial Integrity Act, it was "unlawful for any white person in [Virginia] to marry any [person] save a white person."

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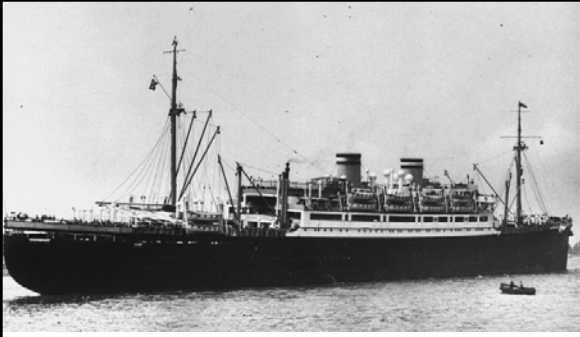
Emergency Quota Act of 1921
Restricted the number of immigrants admitted from any country annually to 3% of the number of residents from that same country living in the U.S. as of the 1910 Census.

National Origins Formula of 1929
Further restricted immigration, capping annual immigration to 150,000.


Immigration Act of 1924
Also known as the Johnson-Reed Act. Further restricted the number of immigrants admitted from any country annually to 2% of the number of residents from that same country living in the U.S. as of the 1890 Census. Completely excluded immigrants from Asia.

1921 1924 1929

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The "St. Louis," carrying Jewish refugees from Nazi Germany arrives in the port of Antwerp after Cuba and the United States denied it landing, Belgium, June 17, 1939. — Bibliothèque Historique de la Ville de Paris | Website of the US Holocaust Memorial Museum

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“As Christians, we can only take one stand... We can act as sponsors for individuals or families [fleeing Europe]; we can sign the necessary affidavits so that these refugees can be admitted under the quota; we can give generously for their maintenance and relief; we can stand firmly in opposition to the voice of the devil heard in the anti-Semitic propaganda which is such an insidious evil in our midst; we can show a willingness to make a real sacrifice, without whimpering, as we show forth Christ’s love for these great sufferers of our day.”

— The Rt. Rev. Henry W. Hobson, II, Diocese of Southern Ohio (Bishop of Southern Ohio from 1930 to 1959)

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Matthew 2:13-23


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Baptismal Covenant

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- What do you think the response of the nations of the world should be to the forced migration crisis? What should our own country's response be?
- What should we do, as citizens, in response to forced migration? In response to anti-immigrant and anti-refugee rhetoric in our own country?
- What questions do you have? What do you want to learn more about?

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