

LEWINSVILLE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Lewinsville's Refugee Resettlement Team is sponsoring a June Sunday morning Christian education class on the ins-and-outs of refugee resettlement—answering all the questions you have about this ministry! This class is offered both in-person and via zoom.

REFUGEE RESETTLEMENT: QUESTIONS ASKED AND ANSWERED

SUNDAYS JUNE 1 - JUNE 22
ROOM 102A 9:30AM-10:30AM

JUNE 1:

What is the Biblical foundation for helping the stranger? What messages do both the Old and New Testaments provide for how Christians should respond to help requested by the foreigner? How consistent is this message? Are there conditions on our acceptance and generosity? Pastor Scott will provide a Biblical, theological, Reformed background to this ministry.

JUNE 8:

How does the refugee vetting process work? How do the United Nations and the U.S. State Department handle refugees who seek visas to the U.S.? How has this system historically worked, and how is it working now? How many refugees are typically admitted into the U.S., and from which countries do they come? What are the different kinds of visas granted by the U.S. State Department? How are visa applicants vetted? What financial support does the federal government provide to this resettlement process? The presenter for this session is Don Lu. Don is a member of our congregation and in the Biden Administration was U.S. Assistant Secretary of State for South and Central Asia.

JUNE 15:

How are refugees resettled and what happens to them once they have arrived in the U.S.? How is it determined where they are located? What are the non-profit resettlement agencies, and what services do they provide? Where do these agencies receive funding for resettlement? What is the current situation facing these resettlement agencies? Fatimata Gakou from Lutheran Social Services National Capital Area (LSSNCA) will be presenting.

JUNE 22:

What has been the experience of this congregation in settling refugees? How did this ministry begin at Lewinsville? How many families have we supported, and how have we helped them? How much does this program cost, and where do we get our funding? What lessons have we learned along the way? What is our current response to the cessation of federal support for refugee resettlement? A panel of RRT members from this congregation will share their experiences and answer questions.

