

Valleyview Mennonite Church **(an Ontario Corporation)** **Mission and Social Concerns – Refugee Fund**

Fund Name: Mission and Social Concerns – Refugee Fund

Fund Start Date: 13-Sept-16

Review Date: 2019-01-12

Purpose

This fund is set up to facilitate goals of the Mission and Social Concerns (M&SC) committee to support refugees. For the purpose of this fund, a refugee is defined as any person who has been forced to leave their home to escape war, persecution or natural disaster.

Types of Uses

- The fund could be used in the settling of a Refugee under a sponsorship program in our location. Valleyview may or may not be the primary sponsor – we may support or partner with other organizations that are providing settlement support for a refugee.
- The fund could be used to support refugees in their country or place of origin. In this case, the funds going to the organization providing the actual support needs to be recognized by CRA (Canada Revenue Agency) as a legitimate charity. For example, in support of Mennonite Central Committee's work in refugee camps.
- The fund could be used to support someone connected to Valleyview who is serving in a Mennonite agency such as Mennonite Central Committee, in the work of refugee support or relief.
- The M&SC Refugee Fund is not to be used for items that would normally be covered under the operating budget even if related. For example, payment for worship service speakers or Sunday School resources sponsored by the M&SC Committee, as these are covered through the operating budget.

Administration

The M&SC Refugee Fund is to be administered by the Mission and Social Concerns Committee. The committee chair or designate will approve disbursements and expenses.

Funding

Funding will be by offerings where the donor has requested they be used for refugee support or by approval of the congregation such as allocations of surplus funds.

- All donations are subject to the VMC Restricted Fund Policy.

Review

The M&SC Refugee Fund is to be reviewed annually by the Mission and Social Concerns Committee and by the Valleyview Board of Directors to determine if the fund should remain active for an additional year or if the fund should be closed.