

Immigration Issues & Advocacy

The Episcopal Church supports **comprehensive immigration reform** that welcomes all and strives for justice and peace.

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PATHWAYS TO
CITIZENSHIP



HUMANITARIAN
PROTECTION



HUMANE TREATMENT
AT OUR BORDERS

▶ Define a path to citizenship for undocumented persons.

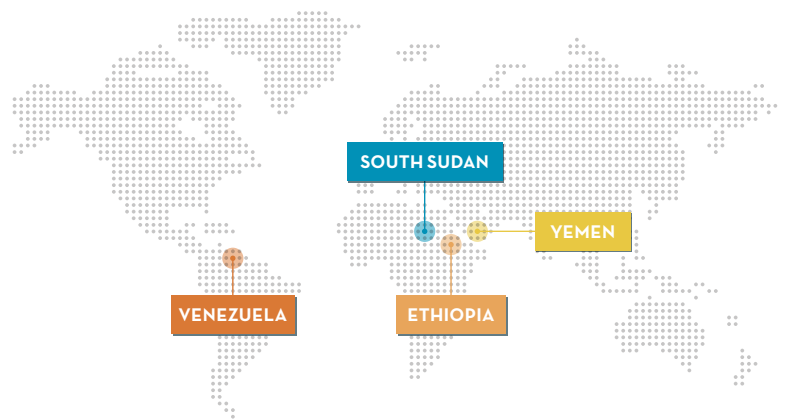
An estimated 6 million children in the United States share a home with at least one family member—often a parent—who is undocumented. These families face an ever-present threat of being torn apart by deportation. We must **define a pathway to citizenship for immigrants with established roots here in our country.**

▶ Provide permanent protections for Dreamers.

With the uncertainty of viability, more than 600,000 individuals in the United States brought here as children are at risk of being forced to leave the only country they have ever called home. **Offering these Dreamers a pathway to citizenship is critical to ensuring success** for future generations of dedicated and hardworking citizens.

▶ Continue providing Temporary Protected Status (TPS) to those in need.

TPS enables our nation to protect visitors affected by sudden conflict, environmental disasters, epidemics, and other extraordinary circumstances in their home countries. The Episcopal Church has supported those with and in need of TPS, including visitors from **Yemen, Ethiopia, South Sudan and Venezuela.**



▶ Protect the universal right to seek asylum.

As a nation, we are obligated to protect fundamental human rights and to **ensure everyone has the right to seek protection from persecution.** The Episcopal Church supports policies that offer pathways of protection to the most vulnerable seeking safety in the United States.

▶ Find compassionate alternatives to detention.

There is a legitimate need to protect our nation's borders, but increased militarization of the border, programs that encourage racial profiling and costly prison-like detention for migrants and families are not the solution. We must **find alternatives for individuals and families who pose no threat to public safety.**

Refugee Issues & Advocacy

The Episcopal Church supports **robust refugee admission, resettlement and protection programs** to support those fleeing persecution, oppression and war.

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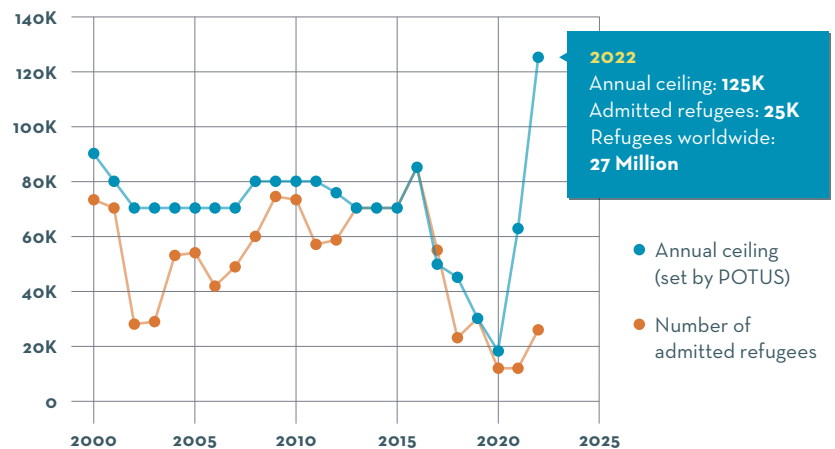


ADDRESSING
ROOT CAUSES

▶ Protect the vulnerable with ample refugee admissions.

Since its inception in 1980, U.S. Refugee Admission Program has been a life-saving tool in the response to large-scale crises around the globe. We must **build on the decades of bipartisan consensus for refugee resettlement** and restore admission rates to at least their historic average.

Sources: Migration Policy Institute (MPI) Data Hub (<https://www.migrationpolicy.org/programs/migration-data-hub>), The UN Refugee Agency (<https://www.unhcr.org/en-us/figures-at-a-glance.html>)



▶ Fund essential resettlement programs and services.

Public-private partnerships have played a key role in not just resettling individuals and families, but helping them integrate into—and become thriving members of—our communities. We must **continue funding these vital resettlement programs and services** to ensure refugees can rebuild their lives here in the U.S.

▶ Address the root causes of migration crises.

In conjunction with offering protection to the vulnerable, we must remain committed to addressing extreme poverty, conflict and suffering around the world.

WE MUST

- + **Advance U.S. policies that foster global reconciliation and government transparency** to ensure that all might eventually live safe, secure and prosperous lives.
- + **Support legislation and policies that aim to prevent domestic violence and gender-based violence** in foreign countries.
- + **Ensure that programs that address food insecurity**, from child nutrition programs to international food assistance, **serve those most in need and are efficiently administered.**

