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This World Refugee Day, Refugees, Faith Leaders, Refugee Agencies, Members of Congress, Rally to Call on Administration, Congress to End Refugee Ban, Restore Humanitarian Protections

Followed by Procession and Delivery of 4,000-Signatory Letter to White House

Washington DC—This World Refugee Day, June 20th, faith leaders, refugee groups, refugees, and allies will hold a rally in front of the White House in Lafayette Park at 11 AM to remind the Trump administration of the incredible contributions that refugees have made in the 45 year history of the refugee resettlement program.

The rally will begin at St. John's Episcopal Church and include a march to the White House across the street leading to a delivery of an Ecumenical Declaration for Refuge with nearly 4,000 faith leader signatories. The declaration is a commitment by people of faith to advocate for the protection of refugees, asylum seekers, immigrants, and vulnerable people, while holding our elected leaders accountable to the values of compassion, generosity and welcome.

What: Rally and March with faith leaders, refugees and refugee agencies

When: World Refugee Day, June 20th, 11 AM ET

Where: Rally begins at St. John's Episcopal Church

Co-Sponsors: Church World Service, Refugee Council USA, Refugee Congress, Northern Virginia Friends of Refugees, The Episcopal Church

World Refugee Day is an opportunity to recognize and celebrate the resilience and courage of those fleeing violence and persecution globally. It serves as a call to action for governments and communities to strengthen their efforts in providing safe haven, resources, and opportunities for refugees and other displaced people to rebuild their lives.

In 2025, the refugee program has come under grave threat. Refugees, asylum seekers, and the programs and communities that serve them are under attack. Despite multiple court orders, the Trump administration's indefinite refugee ban and funding freeze remains largely in place. Tens of thousands of approved refugees have been stranded overseas in increasingly dangerous conditions, and thousands more in communities across the country have been cut off from protection.

For more information or to speak with organizers of the event, contact media@cwsglobal.org.