



The Honourable John McCallum P.C., M.P.
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Minister McCallum:

We write to extend our congratulations on your appointment as Minister of Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship and, indeed, to offer our commitment to you to be constructive partners in the fulfillment of your important mandate. World Renew is a Sponsorship Agreement Holder (SAH) and has worked with our Church congregations across the country to offer welcoming community to migrants since the 1970s. We are eager to continue this important work of hospitality and justice in the face of the worst Refugee crisis since the Second World War. Therefore, we are pleased that your government has made an energetic and urgent commitment to settle Syrian Refugees. This symbolic and substantive effort is, we hope, only the beginning of a renewed trend in Canadian Refugee policy to welcome and enfold vulnerable migrants from around the world into the mosaic that is Canada. Persistent and energetic commitment to addressing the global refugee crisis (Middle East, Central Asia, East and Central Africa) is both a matter of fundamental justice and a wonderful opportunity for Canada.

We note with appreciation the Prime Minister's mandate letter to you as Minister. In the last Parliament we, along with partners in refugee justice work, regularly expressed concerns about designated country of origin; the interim federal health program; and meaningful consultations with SAHs and related stakeholders. Your mandate letter gives us hope and confidence for productive public dialogue on these matters. Thank-you for already demonstrating a commitment to stakeholder dialogue by meeting with the SAH Association. We look forward to productive partnership with your department and constructive dialogue with you as Minister

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on matters of migrant justice. We wish you God's blessings of wisdom, discernment and abundant energy for your important role.

Sincerely,

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