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We have spent these past days together at the 2025 Global Refugee Forum Progress Review meeting, organized by the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees. Our gathering began a day after UNHCR's seventy-fifth anniversary.

Among the hundreds of national delegations, non-governmental organizations, and philanthropic foundations represented at the gathering, we were among leaders of faith communities who both advocate for and work to serve the needs of the most vulnerable people in the world—the nearly 120 million forcibly displaced people around the world.

We recognize in the faces of these refugees the neighbors Christ called us to welcome and to love. We grieve at the deepening conflicts around the world that cause people to flee the homes they love for the safety they deserve. We lament the ravages to the climate humans have wrought that have forced millions to move from uninhabitable and threatened lands. And we watch uncomprehendingly as the world's wealthiest nations turn their backs on the survival needs of the world's poorest people—their siblings, no less God's children.

In the growing emergency of human migration, Christ is calling us to join together in his mission of caring for the least, the last, and the lost. Every one of our churches confronts the desperation of refugees; many of our churches face at home the sources of climate change and internal conflict that give rise to migration flows, and are working to be sources of conflict resolution and mutual understanding that alone can address the root causes of human suffering through God's grace.

In our prayer and conversations together in the midst of this meeting, we have sensed God calling the whole Anglican Communion to respond with common purpose to God's invitation in mission. Whether it is serving the refugee among us, supporting the crucial work of climate-sensitive development or advocating for more just and compassionate policies, we have among us, if we work together, the potential to set forth into the world a powerful, Gospel-centered witness to the dignity of all human beings as equal and precious children of God.

We ask that all churches of the Communion take up the question of how they might work in partnership with others to address this growing need, remembering that in but a few days we will welcome with joy the coming of God among us as a child who became, with his parents, a refugee.



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