



REFUGEE RIGHTS AWARENESS MONTH

WHEREAS The City of Toronto acknowledges the positive contributions refugees make to our city, and supports their settlement and integration in all aspects of our city's social, cultural, economic and political life. The City of Toronto is at the forefront of efforts to eliminate poverty, violence, racism, sexism, homophobia, transphobia, homelessness, hate crimes, hunger and illiteracy, while empowering individuals and communities to stand up against hatred, intolerance and discrimination. The City of Toronto is committed to promoting fundamental human rights and enhancing the quality of life for refugees, persons with disabilities, LGBTQ2S, women, children, indigenous peoples and anyone else who is at risk of experiencing discrimination or violence. Now therefore, I, Mayor John Tory, on behalf of Toronto City Council, do hereby proclaim **April 2017 as "Refugee Rights Awareness Month"** in the City of Toronto.

Art Exhibition: *Beyond Fear and Loss, Reaching for Hope 2017*

Quaker Committee for Refugees/ Salvadoran Canadian Association of Toronto (ASALCA).

Visual expression of refugee experience of flight from homeland and the journey to a new life in Canada

Date: **April 6-8**- Opening: April 06 at 6:00 PM

Thursday April 06 – 1:00pm to 9:00pm

Friday April 07 – 10:00 am to 9:00pm

Saturday April 08 – 10:00 am to 5:00pm.

Place: Friends House, 60 Lowther Avenue,
(Near the Bloor and St. George subway)



Event: Celebration of Refugee Rights

Join Amnesty International, Canadian Centre for Victims of Torture and Sojourn House



*in celebrating the many ways in which
refugees enrich our communities.*

3:30pm-6:30pm **Saturday, April 8th**

Place: Bloor Street United Church
(300 Bloor St. W.) – McClure Hall

GREETINGS DEAR FRIENDS OF BECOMING NEIGHBOURS!

These days as we enter more fully into the passion and death of Jesus leading to the resurrection, our thoughts and prayers are united with each one of you.



In this spirit today April 04 and throughout the days of April we invite you to commemorate with us **REFUGEE RIGHTS DAY**. As a sign of our solidarity with refugees every where, we offer you this Prayer Service for personal or communal use. We invite you to consider gathering a small group together for faith sharing as a concrete action to mark this occasion.

As a sign not only of our solidarity with refugees but also of our deep desire to more fully experience our own conversion of heart, we present to you some Suggestions for Action. Anything we can do will contribute to calling attention to the long haul work of constructing fair, just and compassionate policies which respond to the real plight of those in our country seeking protection.

Two important moments to share with you:

*Annette's Boutique 6:00 Pm - 8:30 Pm Friday, April 07
Scarboro Missions 2685 Kingston Road*

Our Annual General Meeting

7:00 p.m. Tuesday April 11

*The Mary Ward Centre, 70 St. Mary St.
Join us as we celebrate the community of solidarity
in the ministry of Becoming Neighbours.*



May God's Spirit guide us in our solidarity for Refugee Rights

Lois Anne Bordowitz, FCJ

Krista Bowman (JVC)

Tina Solomon

Peter McKenna, SCJ