

## Greetings to all of our dear Becoming Neighbours friends,

Perhaps at no recent time have we been so acutely and painfully aware of the fragility of life wounded by the nightmares of terrorism, political upheaval and global warming. The challenges facing us often seem to be overwhelming. It just seems so hard to have courage to **HOPE**. Hope presents us with the invitation to join with others to imagine and to continue to create an alternative world, one rooted in the gospel values of **Prayer, Presence and Solidarity**.

Some inspiring moments of HOPE to share with you include:

### *“Class Act: Canadian Invests in School for Syrian Refugees”*

“In a brightly painted prefab caravan on a desolate stretch of the Jordanian desert, 32-year-old teacher Ghadaa Tinieh is working miracles. Amongst her class of 15 Syrian refugee children in this far-flung outpost, three had never been to school before. More than half could barely read or write and nearly all were struggling under the weight of trauma, poverty and exile.”

The Globe and Mail Jan 12, 2018 [Click Here for Full Article](#)



### REFUGEE ADVOCACY TRAINING SESSION

With “*Citizens for Public Justice*” and “*Sisters of St Joseph of Toronto*” we are pleased to invite you to attend an information session on how to advocate for refugee rights. To set the context, we will receive input from staff of Citizens of Public Justice on major issues in the current refugee system in Canada. The Session will provide tools for how to bring these issues to your Member of Parliament and the best practices to do so.

Please choose one of the two sessions to attend:

1:00 p.m.- 3:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 01    OR    7:00 p.m.- 8:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 01

Place: Scarboro Missions, 2685 Kingston Rd.



“In his book [The Hidden Messages in Water](#), Masaru Emoto tells about his study of water crystals and how more beautiful, symmetrical crystals form when the water is exposed to positive words like *love* versus negative words like *hate*. The words THANK YOU apparently formed one of the most elaborate, gorgeous designs.”

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Together, may we intentionally choose to continue to be bearers of God’s HOPE in the days ahead.



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