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MAPLE CREEK REFUGEE SPONSORSHIP COMMITTEE: *New community group formed*

## REACHING OUT TO THOSE IN NEED

**Marcus Day**  
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**L**ike millions around the world, Michele Rowe and Dick Kennedy were horrified by Russia's invasion of Ukraine. The sight of families fleeing death and destruction was deeply distressing.

It made them reflect on the plight of refugees around the world, and ask: Could Maple Creek provide safe haven for a displaced family? Perhaps even two families?

From such reflection, a group was born ... the Maple Creek Refugee Sponsorship Committee (MCRSC), which already has a Facebook presence.

Although Rev. Rowe is pastor of the Maple Creek United Church and Father Dick is an Anglican Church member, MCRSC is a community group (a Non-governmental organization), not a church one.

"We don't want to be seen as a church group," said Rev. Rowe.

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**First donation:** Ross & Claire Pollock hand a \$1,000 cheque to Dick Kennedy, committee co-chair. Michele Rowe is pictured far left.

### WANT TO DONATE?

**D**o you want to donate towards the cause of sponsoring a refugee family and helping it settle in Maple Creek?

If you require a tax receipt, then the best route is through a church organization.

If a tax receipt isn't necessary, then you can contact Fr. Dick Kennedy, co-chair of the Maple Creek Refugee Sponsorship Committee (MCRSC).

Fr. Dick can be contacted at **306-661-8437**.

These are still very early days for the MCRSC. As the committee evolves, there may be one organization that receives donations.

At last Wednesday's meeting, the committee received its first donation: \$1,000 from the Diamond C Cowboy Church. Pastors Ross and Claire Pollock presented the cheque to Fr. Dick. The cheque was made out to the Maple Creek Refugee Sponsorship Committee and was very gratefully received.



**Listening mode:** Michelle McKenzie in the foreground. Next to her are Sally Chant, Colleen Kennedy, Norman Fiss (partially hidden), and Claire Pollock.

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