

# Questions for Compassionate Action

Instructions: Personally write your response to each question or discuss as a group and have one individual record to collective ideas.

1. If you had just arrived in a new country and a new neighborhood, what would you like people to do that would make you feel warmly welcomed?

2. What do you think are some of the needs of people who have just come as immigrants and refugees?

3. What do you think are the needs of international students at colleges and universities?

4. What do you think could be done to help them?

5. Let's talk further about some of their specific needs. What could be done to help people who do not have adequate food, clothing, housing, and employment?

6. In what ways could you assist them to help themselves and each other so they don't become dependent on you or the government?

7. What advice would you give them to help them save money on food, clothing, electricity bills, and housing, etc.?

8. What challenges do you think immigrants' children will have adapting to a new school setting?

9. What could you do to help?

10. What creative ways can you think of to help them improve their English skills?

11. What do you think new arrivals find different and difficult about the culture in your country?

12. How might you help them adapt?

13. These are all ideas from your perspective. How can you find out what the people think they need?

14. What expectations will you have of the people if you decide to help them?

15. How can you create a more mutual exchange rather than creating a dependent relationships? (For example, I'd like to learn Farsi from you, would you like some help in English?)

Pray for the people in your community or are facing these difficult challenges.

Decide together specific actions you will take to help.