

Dear Friend,

The Diocese of Lincoln has offered to be the main point of contact, on behalf of the local faith communities, to support Lincolnshire County Council as it develops a strategy and response for the possible welcoming and housing of Syrian refugees.

There is no expectation from either the council or the diocese for churches to respond. Should churches or individuals wish to be involved in this area, however, this letter offers some appropriate advice.

It has been stated that the UK will welcome 20,000 Syrian refugees over five years. For Lincolnshire this means 200 people are likely to be located in the county. At this stage we don't know when this will start but we would like to be prepared. The council has produced a plan of action that includes the role of the faith communities, and statutory agencies have been asked to provide support in key areas such as housing, education, healthcare and work and pensions.

Although we won't know specific needs until nearer the time, there are ways that we might be able to help (please see the accompanying leaflet).

In the meantime, and if it is appropriate for you to do so, I should be most grateful if you would please complete the enclosed form, or email me the requested information. This will allow us to produce a database of available support. When the situation changes we will then contact people, as appropriate.

In addition, and to help keep people up-to-date, we have added a page on the diocesan website that is titled 'Faith response for Syrian refugees'. This page will be updated as we receive news and information. To visit the page, please see [www.lincoln.anglican.org](http://www.lincoln.anglican.org)

Yours sincerely



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## Offers of help to support refugees

Please complete and return this form via email to [simon.dean@lincoln.anglican.org](mailto:simon.dean@lincoln.anglican.org) or send it to Simon Dean at Edward King House, Minster Yard, Lincoln LN2 1PU.

Name

Place of worship/organisation

Location in the county

I/we can offer support in the following areas (Please tick and state what type of support):

- |                     |                          |       |
|---------------------|--------------------------|-------|
| Welcome             | <input type="checkbox"/> | _____ |
| Furniture           | <input type="checkbox"/> | _____ |
| Clothing and food   | <input type="checkbox"/> | _____ |
| Financial donations | <input type="checkbox"/> | _____ |
| Other services      | <input type="checkbox"/> | _____ |
| Other               | <input type="checkbox"/> | _____ |

Is this as an individual or as a group?

Address

Email address

Contact number

Please tick

- I wish to be kept informed when needs become clearly known.

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