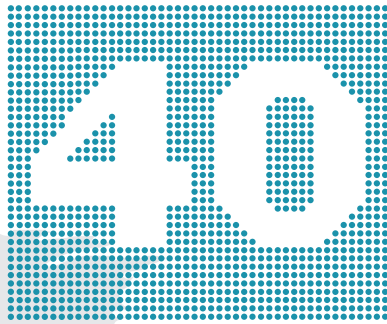


A Legacy of Hope

40 Years of Private Refugee Sponsorship in Canada through Mennonite Central Committee

In the 40 years since the agreement, more than **12,500** refugees have been resettled in Canada through MCC.



(● = 10 refugees)

1920s

21,000 Mennonites from the Soviet Union come to Canada.

The government requires existing Mennonite communities in Canada to ensure that the newcomers will be cared for. Many Mennonite families who come to Canada as refugees will later pay forward the kindness shown to them.



2015-2016

The refugee crisis in Syria represents the **largest increase in MCC's resettlement since 1979.**

1,500 refugees are resettled through MCC over a span of twelve months.



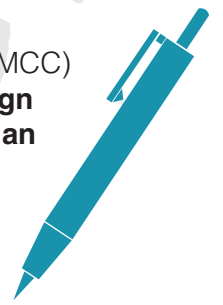
1978

The plight of hundreds of thousands of **"boat people"** fleeing after the end of the Vietnam War cause great concern for Anabaptist churches in Canada.



March 5, 1979

Mennonite Central Committee (MCC) becomes the **first agency to sign an agreement with the Canadian government to allow for the private sponsorship of refugees.**



Over the next 18 months following



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the new agreement, half of the 600 Mennonite and Brethren in Christ churches in Canada **sponsor approximately 4,000 refugees.**