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By donating to Kowloon Union Church's Refugee Ministry, you will support care, advocacy, and empowerment programs for asylum seeker and refugee communities in Hong Kong.

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Monthly*: HK\$ _____

One-time: HK\$ _____

I WOULD LIKE TO SUPPORT:

- Rent Educational assistance
 Advocacy Ministry programs

BY CHEQUE

Please make cheque payable to:

Kowloon Union Church

Write down "Peacemaking Program" on the back.

BY DIRECT DEPOSIT

HSBC Account 018-1-080268

Please mail/email the bank receipt with this donation form to Kowloon Union Church.

*Our staff will contact you for more details.

Tax deductible receipts will be issued for donations over HK\$100.

Thank You

ABOUT US

Kowloon Union Church is an ecumenical and inter-denominational church that cares for different social vulnerable groups in Hong Kong. Peacemaking Program - Refugee Ministry is one of the main focuses of Kowloon Union Church, which includes pastoral care, advocacy, and empowerment activities.

The Peacemaking Program aims to serve as a bridge between local communities and marginalised groups. It is our goal to promote mutual understanding of each other's needs, to bring peace, and to make discrimination a thing of the past.

We welcome various groups, such as students and church fellowships, to participate and exchange cultural activities. We can also share our stories and ministry with you and your community. For future collaboration, service, and volunteer opportunities, contact us.

Be a peacemaker. Walk with refugees.

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Peacemaking Program REFUGEE MINISTRY



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WHO ARE REFUGEES?

According to the Refugee Convention adopted by the United Nations in 1951, a **refugee** is "someone who is unable or unwilling to return to their country of origin owing to a well-founded fear of being persecuted for reasons of race, religion, nationality, membership of a particular social group, or political opinion."

Before a person's refugee status is established, the person is referred to as an **asylum seeker**. Their asylum claims are processed by the Immigration Department before the UNHCR helps resettle them to another country.



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Do not forget to show hospitality to strangers, for by so doing some people have shown hospitality to angels without knowing it.

Hebrews 13:2

LIFE IN HONG KONG

HELPLESSNESS

Unable to work, asylum seekers are forced to rely on charity and government for living.

POVERTY

With no cash, life is more difficult in an expensive city like Hong Kong. Asylum seekers receive meager allowances from the government per month:



Rent

\$1,500 given directly to the landlord



Utility

\$300 given directly to the landlord



Food

\$1,200 as a supermarket food card

EDUCATIONAL NEED

Children are allowed to attend school. However, they have to pay for school uniforms, stationaries, and other expenses themselves.

DISCRIMINATION

Refugees are often discriminated against and marginalised by society, making it difficult to live in Hong Kong.

STRESS & ANXIETY

- Many experienced trauma as they fled their home countries.
- It may take 5-10 years to process their case. Thus, they face uncertainties and see no future in Hong Kong.
- Asylum seekers often suffer from depression and health issues. With limited medical and psychological assistance, adapting to life in Hong Kong is hard.

WHAT DO WE DO?



WE CARE

PASTORAL

- Weekly fellowship & Bible studies
- Home and hospital visits

FINANCIAL

- Rent & basic needs
- Educational assistance
- Medical & emergency help

SOCIAL

- Help them adjust to Hong Kong life
- Connect asylum seekers with various NGOs



WE ADVOCATE

SHARE challenges and struggles faced by asylum seekers and refugees in Hong Kong through school, church, and community visits.

BUILD platforms with local community to promote mutual understanding - music and handicraft workshops, Refugee Kitchens, etc.

PARTNER with churches, other NGOs, law-makers, and media to advocate for equality and justice.



WE EMPOWER

OFFER opportunities to share their testimonies through community outreaches.

PROVIDE language and vocational training - catering, gardening, building maintenance, etc.