

Port Alberni Refugee Support Committee  
Report to the PARSC Circle of Support  
November 4, 2015

At our meeting on October 28, PARSC agreed to form 2 parallel groups that support each other and work together to bring 2 needy refugee families to Port Alberni. We continue to work under the Settlement Agreement Holder (SAH), the Anglican Diocese of Victoria.

The first Constituency Group will sponsor a needy BVOR family approved by Citizenship and Immigration Canada. We hope our family will come soon, with the help of a cost sharing arrangement with the Government of Canada. Several committee members will be taking training in Victoria on November 14th.

The second group will apply to a SAH for recognition as a Constituency Group. It will search out needy families - some from among the most lost and forgotten, that may have not have even made it onto a refugee list. Please keep in mind that there are millions of refugees and only a precious few thousand spaces. Every town needs a search & rescue team....and this will be ours. By the time this family arrives, we will have learned how to look after them...and we'll have to look after them on our own.

Together, in this town with heart, we will be both good Samaritans and good shepherds - tending and caring for families in crisis who are coming to us from thousands of miles away. They will enrich our lives as much as we enrich theirs.

Currently PARSC has an operating account of \$459.00. We welcome financial support. Donations are accepted at our meeting, can be given to any PARSC member or mailed to Pamela Day, 3560 Bracken Lane, Port Alberni, B. C. V9Y 0A9. Cheques are to be made out to **Trinity Church Refugee Fund**. Receipts will be provided (tax deductible). Many PARSC members have committed to making a donation at each meeting.

We need you.... as drivers and friends, shoppers and cooks, teachers and doctors, painters and decorators....so please keep us in your prayers as we move forward with this adventure.

Our next meeting is scheduled for 7:00 pm on Wednesday November 25 in the Trinity Church hall. We will focus on confirming the memberships of our groups, completing the approval processes and planning for settlement which will lead to fundraising.

Thank you for your ongoing support of PARSC.