

Social Concerns Committee - Fiscal Sponsorship Proposal 2022:

This newest concern that came to our attention is of Refugee Families who have been settled in Beverly. This was first presented at last month's Church Council Meeting.

A local group of concerned Beverly Citizens have approached the Committee looking for a Church Sponsor so they may begin fundraising to support the family of 4, soon to be 5. Volunteers have been driving the father to school to complete his automotive technician education; he will be starting full time work in North Beverly. Volunteers are helping him with obtaining his learner's permit and driver's license, enrolling in an ESL class, and the 4 yr old has been in the process of interviewing at Nursery schools. This community of volunteers has been successfully supporting the family since January.

- *Social Concerns is proposing that FBC enter a Fiscal Sponsorship with the group: "Friends of Afghan Nationals" [FAN] 18 volunteers who have been assisting this family with the settlement agency. looking to collaborate to spread awareness in the city about the needs of Refugees when they are resettled. They would like to expand their volunteer resources as the family is in need of so much support not only practical but emotional. There is anticipation that Ukraine Refugees will be settled here as well.*
 - ***FAN would like to fundraise but require a Sponsorship of a 501 3C.***
 - Social Concerns has sought legal support through Walter Flowers and John Thompson.
- Walter has drafted a Fiscal Agreement that will cover FBC for any IRS concerns. The **FAN** group seems to be prepared to agree to the sponsorship agreement.
 - We are asking for the support of the FBC to enter into the agreement so long as the Legal representatives see the final agreement as safe.