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Annual Deanery Conference and Festival



At this year's conference, after our discussions about issues with conflict around the world, we from the Teenage Program decided to start a charity effort to raise money for those less fortunate than ourselves. In the end, we chose to donate to help the emigrants fleeing their home countries – specifically, children in these war-torn zones, who have little hope or future left, despite being so young.



Our fund-raising campaign is called **HELP [Help Emigrants Live Peacefully]**. We will be launching this charity effort in our own parishes, and are hoping that others will spread the word too. We have set ourselves a target of £1,500 to hopefully raise by next Conference.

The charity we have chosen to support is Safe Passage UK, which helps unaccompanied children, as well as vulnerable adults, who have a legal claim to asylum to access safe legal routes to the UK. Once the children arrive in the UK, the charity also helps them establish themselves and transition to a new life. So far, this charity has reunited over 150 refugee children and vulnerable adults with their families in the UK. This money would really make a difference to them and the refugees they work with.

We felt a target of £1500 was an achievable one – it is enough money to make a significant difference to the lives of multiple children, and we feel, an achievable target by the time conference comes around again in May – especially if everyone helps by giving even a small amount.

We looked at multiple options for the way to donate, and in the end chose the service that had the smallest fee – we have now created a “Just Giving” website for donations:

[justgiving.com/fundraising/help-reunite](https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/help-reunite)

It is easy to use, and if everyone gives a little, together we will make a huge difference. It also shows the amount currently raised, and a list of all the donations so far – you can choose to remain anonymous when you donate if you wish.

We feel that supporting those of a similar age to us, who have such an uncertain future, will make a difference, – and together we can raise an amount that can change lives. These people are often in desperately need of help, so please consider giving a gift of money to change their lives a little for the better – and regardless of whether you can or cannot, keep them in your prayers.

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