

Burma Refugees Task Force

In response to the influx of Burma refugees that began in 2006, the National Leadership Council (formerly National Executive Council) via the Office of General Secretary (OGS) called for the establishment of the Burma Refugee Task Force in early spring of 2007. The Task Force is a joint effort of the Office of the General Secretary, American Baptist Home Mission Societies (ABHMS), International Ministries (IM), American Baptist Women's Ministries (ABWM) and local church pastoral leaders. Together in one mission, they team up to:

- Inform the larger American Baptist Churches family about Burma refugees being resettled into the U.S.
- Encourage regions and churches reaching out to the refugee communities.
- Seek resources to support regions and churches engage in refugee ministries.
- Guide and build support networks with the diaspora communities.
- Advocate to the U.S. State Department, Bureau of Population, Migration and Refugees (PRM); Bureau of Democracy, Human Rights and Labor (DRL) on human rights and religious freedom issues for ethnic minority people groups in Burma and refugees who live in refugee camps in Thailand, and those who live in marginal situations in Malaysia and India.

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