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## Sample tweets:

- A) Join us today as we stand #WithRefugees. Faith teaches us to welcome the stranger. All over the world, churches are making a difference for people on the move. Learn more, at: <https://www.lutheranworld.org/> #lwfchurches
- B) Refugees lose many things, but never their rights, their faith, nor hope for a future with dignity. <https://www.lutheranworld.org/content/world-service> #WithRefugees #WorldRefugeeDay
- C) As churches around the world, we stand #WithRefugees - rooted in faith, committed to service, empowerment and advocacy. #WorldRefugeeDay #lwfchurches

## Quotes:

### **LWF General Secretary Rev. Dr Martin Junge**

“As people of faith, we are called to welcome and care for the stranger. Supporting refugees is about commitment to service, empowerment and advocacy.

“I am concerned about the erosion of the rights of refugees, as enshrined in international humanitarian law.”

## **Maria Immonen, World Service director**

“Across the globe, the LWF World Service program currently serves people in 25 countries - many of them refugees, internally displaced people, and communities at risk. This requires clear strategy, human resources, finances, security protocols and flexibility. But most of all, it requires deep commitment.”

“If we look at all LWF country programs, both past and present, and add up how many years they have been operating in their respective countries, we see that as an organization, we have decades of experience serving our neighbor — for livelihoods; quality services; for protection and social cohesion. This experience informs all our work, with refugees and internally displaced people, with host communities, at the individual, community and institutional levels — all together in service, for hope and a future.”

## **Dr Prabin Manandhar, LWF country director for Nepal**

“In our support to refugees, we must give not only short-term emergency assistance but create tools and space to empower refugees themselves to take ownership of their situation in the long-term. In the Beldangi Refugee Camp in southeast Nepal, Bhutanese refugees today oversee the monitoring, maintenance and governance of the camp, where self-help groups teach leadership skills, improve financial literacy, and support income-generating activities to reduce the overall dependency of the community. It is about finding models that help build more independent and self-reliant communities.”