## Refugee Sponsorship Process

- CIC (Matching Centre) through RSTP forwards refugee cases (BVOR, JAS) to the United Church Refugee Advisor
- Refugee Advisor forwards refugee cases to congregations and pastoral charges for consideration
- Approval and motion by church
   Council to sponsor a refugee case

 Outreach committee identifies a refugee case

- = Refugee Advisor puts a case on hold
- = RSTP sends extended profile for undertaking completion

= Completed undertaking to sponsor refugees that may include signed application from the refugee(s) are sent to the Refugee desk for review and processing

 Refugee Advisor submits the application to CPO-W

**CIC** - Citizenship Immigration Canada

**CPO-W** – Centralized Processing Office: Winnipeg – office that processes refugee cases

**BVOR** – Blended Visa-Office Referred (12 months' cost-sharing with the government)

JAS – Joint Assistance Sponsorship (government financial support for up to 24 months)

NAT – Notice of Arrival (includes copy of plane ticket and further CIC communication on case

Matching Centre – CIC office responsible for matching UNHCR selected refugees with SAHs (sponsorship agreement holders)

**Constituent Group** – congregation/pastoral charge, group/organization that sponsors refugees **RSTP** – Refugee Sponsorship Training Program

= CPO-W creates a case file number (G# or B#)

Visa office receives

= CPO-W forwards application to Visa office

undertaking to sponsor refugee from CPO-W and notifies the Refugee Advisor

Congregation raises funds and communicates with refugee(s) (if applicable)

Arrival: CG
welcomes new
Permanent
Resident and helps
them for 1 year to
re-settle into
community

- = Refugee is issued travel documents (if applicable)
- NAT issued by Matching Centre and notifies the Refugee Advisor and CG
- Refugee travels to Canada where they are issued Permanent Residency status upon arrival - refugee status ceases

= Screening process: refugee is wait-listed for interview

- = Interview completed: pass or fail
- = Medical exam completed: pass or fail
- = Security and criminality check completed: pass or fail