



Ecumenical Bequest to assist in the work of Refugees and Displaced Persons

Projects Selected For Funding

In February 2017 SA Council of Churches (SACC) shared news of a bequest that had been given to SACC to assist in the work of refugees and displaced persons. We are grateful to the donor, a woman who was committed to working alongside people from across the churches in welcoming and supporting people who had sought refuge or were experiencing displacement.

Through Ecumenical Partners for Justice and Peace (EPJP), a standing committee of SACC, criteria for disbursement of the bequest were developed and applications invited from organisations seeking funding to continue or enhance their response with refugees and displaced persons in South Australia.

We thank all who applied for funds, and we thank the EPJP Bequest Committee - Colin Cargill, Ngaire Llewellyn and Kathy McEvoy – who oversaw the process and made recommendations which received the approval of SACC EPJP and Executive Committee.

Below is a list of the selected projects. During the next few months, the Bequest Committee will keep in touch as each of these projects connects with and enriches the local community.

- *Community Garden Coffee Connect:* Amazing Grace Gospel Church, Andrews Farm
- *Helping Refugees in Salisbury and Playford Local Government Areas to be linked to an Australian Friend:* Baptist Care (SA) Inc
- *Sand Play Therapy:* Circle of Friends Incorporated – Circle 111
- *Asylum Seekers – understanding their lives and their contribution to our community:* Justice for Refugees SA
- *Affordable Rental Accommodation Project:* Migrant & Refugee Centre, St Vincent de Paul Society SA Inc
- *Project Harmony: working with children from refugee backgrounds, introducing them to Australian culture, experience and sharing God's love in action with them and their families through camps, support networks and family events:* Scripture Union of SA Inc