

HELPING THE POOR ... WELCOMING THE STRANGER.

The Classis Huron Diaconal Team
invites all deacons and diaconal-minded, to join us on
Saturday, April 15, 2023, 9:00-2:00
at: Drayton Christian Reformed Church
([88 Main St East, Drayton, ON](#))

[Registration link](#)

Agenda:

1. Coffee and socialize – 8:30am (Refreshments provided by the Drayton deacons)
2. Welcome and Roll Call – 9:00am Mary Blydorp
3. Opening Devotions – Jane Vander Velden
4. Morning Workshop – 9:30am **Helping without Harming in Church Benevolence** *(facilitated by Mark Vanderwees, Diaconal Ministries Canada)*
Explore ways to alleviate poverty without harming the poor. Are you looking for stimulating strategies to build an effective, sustainable ministry to a hurting world? Learn about it in this exciting interactive workshop.
5. Lunch – 12:00pm (*We suggest a \$10.00 donation to cover the cost.*)
6. Afternoon Session – 12:45pm **Welcoming the Stranger** *(facilitated by Rebecca Walker – World Renew – Refugee sponsorship)*
Your church can participate in sponsoring refugees, even if you are not ready to host your own refugee family. The need is great...any church can help out discover and share:
 - how the sponsorship process works;
 - funding, working with co-sponsors
 - developing a selection process
 - helpful policies and processes that have developed to make discernment easier
7. Closing prayer – 2:00pm