



# 47 panels left

## 2 WEEKS LEFT TO BUY A PANEL

Thank you to everyone who has purchased a panel so far. If you are still wanting to purchase a panel to help support our roof fundraiser, there are still 47 left. Pick a panel in the foyer today for \$40 each.

**Faithlife Financial will be matching  
\$500 to our roof fundraiser**



**Exciting News!** We have received a grant to start an English as a Second Language Conversation program in the fall but planning begins now. As an initial introduction we are encouraging anyone interested in helping with this program (2 hour commitment for 8 weeks—no experience necessary) or working with refugees in general to consider attending a one day training course with ESL Cooperative Ministries on **April 9th from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm at 3851—54 Ave NE, Calgary.** The \$50.00 early bird fee will be covered by the ESL grant when registering through the office.



### Keynote Session:

**Why do we have a refugee crisis and what should be our response?** Peter Twele will present on recent historical and political factors that have led to the current refugee crisis. He will also include aspects of the West's involvement along with what contributes to both negative and positive attitudes when it comes to helping those in need.

### Break out sessions to choose from include:

#### **Challenges Arabic Speakers Encounter While Learning English**

A brief overview of the Arabic language, and then we will deal with a few specific differences between English & Arabic, focusing on the sound systems, grammatical issues, and language use.

#### **Getting Started— Strategies and Resources for Beginners**

Newly arriving refugees will need immediate help with English as they settle into their new lives. This workshop will have strategies and resources for both basic survival English, and more advanced English. Your toolbox will be filled with a few ideas and resources to help you get started.

**How to Start an Intercultural Ministry Program** This seminar will focus on how to develop a church based pathway to Jesus for the immigrants in your neighbourhood. We will discuss the role of settlement programming (like ESL classes or an employment class) in preparing the way for spiritual programming (such as ESL bible studies). Challenges in building and advancing this pathway will be explored.

#### **Know Syrians Better: through the experience of a Syrian newcomer**

Pastor AlAjji presents an overview of the religious and ethnic diversity of Syria with explanations about the lifestyle and some traditions and festivals. He will also speak about the challenges and difficulties that Syrians face in adjusting to life in Canada. He will tell how we can walk alongside them – to help them in their adjustment and to share the Christian message so that they can see what they really need is salvation.