



# LIRS

The *terror* of having soldiers with rifles coming to your door...

The *heartbreak* of leaving behind your home, your friends, your country...

The *frustration* of living in a refugee camp...

The *confusion* of living in a new land, with a new language...

The *healing* of Christ's love expressed through neighbors who reach out with welcome...

## This Changes Everything.

Now that you have returned home, what will you do with what you learned and experienced in the LIRS/LDR/AMMPARO Interactive Learning Center? How will you tell your friends and family about your experience of being surrounded by God's love and care as people reached out to welcome the stranger?

Perhaps you and your friends who attended the Gathering would like to share what you have learned and help others learn about the experience of millions of people in our world who are currently on the move.



Talk with some adults—this might include the adults who traveled to Houston with you. They will probably be eager to help you get this off the ground.

Be sure to include your Pastor(s)—let them know from the beginning that you are interested in planning and hosting an event in your congregation or community.

## BRAIN STORM

If your event will be part of a Sunday morning worship service, look for [prayers](#) and hymns that talk about immigrants and refugees.

Consider inviting a former refugee to [speak](#).

There are a number of videos on the [LIRS website](#). Think about joining with friends to make your own video recalling your experience at the Interactive Learning Center.

Plan a potluck or light brunch. Look for recipes [here](#). Or, pull out your favorite recipes and encourage the migrants and refugees you invite to bring their favorite food, too.

## INVITE



## START

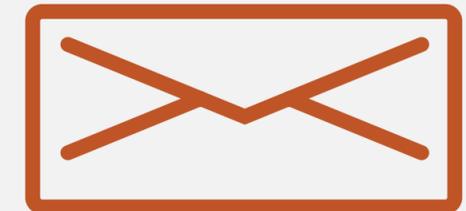
Talk about who your audience will be. It could be youth from your congregation or friends from school. Do you want to reach children and adults?

Set a date. Will it occur during the summer, or should it be after school starts in the fall? You could host an event on Sunday morning, Sunday evening, or a weekday evening. You might want to consider a multicultural game night or an outdoor event.

As you set a date, be sure to allow enough time to arrange for any speakers or other special guests you want to invite.



## PLAN



Make a sign up sheet for each task. Get lots of people involved. People who share in preparing the event will be excited to attend and will invite others.

Publicize your event. Use bulletin inserts and ask if you can make an announcement during worship. Design posters, fliers and yard signs. Create a hashtag. Post your event on social media.

Tell your classmates and teachers at school; tell your friends and coaches in after school programs. Invite your migrant and refugee neighbors; invite your friends who are migrants or refugees to join you in planning the event.