



There were other booths there for various church services, and I had a very helpful conversation with the representative from Church World Service about the support services they offer for refugees and churches that want to sponsor them. My daughter Norah has welcomed a Ukrainian family into her home since 2001 but needs more help guiding them to jobs and legal residency – I found out how CWS will help them!

I spent the night with a long-time seminary friend who lives in Fresno and she told me that Big Red Church UCC, where we met, was just a block from the best ice cream place in town, Ampersand. You would have found me there several times.

God calls us to support not just our local church, but the wider church, and Annual Gathering is always inspiring, a place to meet new friends and reconnect with long time friends. Put next year on your calendar – all visitors welcome, and each church gets delegates.