

Volunteer Opportunity: Member Board of Directors



About the Organization:

If you are looking for an opportunity to lead in a dynamic, growing, and exciting organization, MCRS is the place for you! Since 1987, Mennonite Coalition for Refugee Support (MCRS) has been welcoming individuals and families who need help to navigate Canada's refugee claim process. Known as asylum seekers or refugee claimants, our clients come from 65 different countries, fleeing very real threats against their lives.

We are the "go to" organization as we fulfill our mission to **assist, accompany, and advocate for refugee claimants in our community**. In the past few years, we have been steadily growing into a leader in the refugee sector, advancing our influence, innovation, and collaboration with others. This next season holds incredible opportunities for us to model best practices and new ways of engaging our community to meet the needs of courageous yet vulnerable people who have made their way to Canada hoping to be **safe at last**.

We presently serve over 1,600 men, women, and children with a refugee claim acceptance rate well above the national average. Visit our website at www.mcrs.ca to learn more.

About the Opportunity:

Members of our Board of Directors serve for a two-year term and can renew their service for up to three (3) terms. The Board Member helps to define, uphold, and advance:

- ✓ Our charitable objectives
- ✓ Our vision, mission, and impact
- ✓ Our "duty of care," "duty of loyalty," and "duty of obedience"
- ✓ Equity, diversity, and inclusion as globally minded citizens

This is done through a Governance model of Board leadership which we continually seek to develop and enhance. This includes formulating, overseeing, and evaluating governance practices, policies and procedures that ensure MCRS remains effective, accountable, responsive, and a strong contributor to our community.

Responsibilities:

- ✓ Attend Board meetings (roughly 8 per year)
- ✓ Participate on Committees
- ✓ Develop and apply various governance tasks
- ✓ Bring new ideas, commitment, and energy to the Board
- ✓ Actively function as an ambassador and advocate for the organization and its clients

Qualifications:

- ✓ Knowledge/skilled in not-for-profit and charitable governance, particularly:
 - FINANCE and the fiduciary responsibilities of the Board
 - FACILITATING collaborative initiatives and partnerships
- ✓ Demonstrated ability to lead with intent for an organization's best interests
- ✓ Passionate about welcome and justice for refugee claimants
- ✓ Willing to give financially and/or network on behalf of MCRS
- ✓ Committed to consensus decision-making
- ✓ Committed to strong Board/Executive Director relationships

Take the Next Step:

Thank you for your interest in MCRS. Please submit your resumé / CV to director@mcrs.ca and a Board Member will contact you.

Position:
Board Member

Hours per month:
6 - 8

Location:
Kitchener, ON

Population Served:
Refugee claimants

of Positions:
Two (2)

Contact:
director@mcrs.ca

