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## ANNOUNCEMENT

## LSS/NCA Consolidating Baltimore and Silver Spring, MD Offices in Hyattsville

Starting October 15, Lutheran Social Services of the National Capital Area (LSS/NCA) Baltimore/Central Maryland and Montgomery/Prince George's Offices will be located in a consolidated space at Redeemer Lutheran Church in Hyattsville, MD.

The two offices are merging in response to the state of Maryland's new refugee resettlement process, which no longer requires service providers to co-locate with other refugee resettlement agencies.

"This new process by MORA [Maryland Office of Refugees and Asylees] allows us to help refugees better integrate into their own community and receive services closer to where they live," said LSS/NCA Refugee and Immigrant Services Director Mamadou Sy.

The new office in Hyattsville is close to Metro and public bus transportation; retail and small businesses are nearby with whom LSS/NCA can partner to employ its clients; and the PG County Community College ESL programs are across the street. For refugees, having all these services close to their homes is vital to helping them achieve their goal of self-sufficiency and rebuilding their lives.

"Redeemer Hyattsville is a congregation with a long history of reaching out to the immigrants and refugees in our community," said the congregation's Pastor Eric Lithicum. "We are thrilled to partner with such a dedicated organization as LSS/NCA."

LSS/NCA's new Maryland address is 3799 East-West Hwy, Hyattsville, MD 20782.

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