Many members have asked what they can do to help with efforts to provide forms of relief for Ukrainian nationals who have arrived in Minnesota and the Dakotas after fleeing the war in their homeland.  This is a developing issue. At this time, please find below a list of resources members or our chapter have compiled for your consideration:

**Immigrant Law Center of Minnesota**

* ILCM is providing screenings to assess whether those seeking assistance qualify for TPS services. Please contact Austen Soare or Kathy Klos at (651) 641-1011.
* ILCM has also produced a fact sheet on TPS for Ukraine available here: <https://www.ilcm.org/latest-news/fact-sheet-temporary-protected-status-for-ukraine/>
* ILCM, with the Advocates for Human Rights, is also in the process of coordinating a Facebook event on Ukrainian TPS and asylum for Ukrainian nationals.

**Advocates for Human Rights**

* In addition to the Facebook event listed above, the Advocates for Human Rights is conducting factfinding as it relates to human rights abuses to send to the International Criminal Court.  There is an event on May 5, 2022 about this: <https://www.theadvocatesforhumanrights.org/Events/Index?id=82>.

**Volunteer Lawyers Network (VLN)**

* The Volunteer Lawyers Network (VLN) provides legal consultations for income-eligible persons. The intake line is (612) 752-6677. The hours of operation are Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday, from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM.

**Local Government Services**

* The Office of Immigrant and Refugee Affairs of the City of Minneapolis connects immigrant community members with legal and social service providers. That office has been working with the Ukrainian American Community Center to identify ways to meet the local needs; the next community meeting is scheduled for May 4, 2022, at 11:00. For further information, please contact Michelle Rivero at [michelle.rivero@minneapolismn.gov](mailto:michelle.rivero@minneapolismn.gov).
* The Hennepin County Office of Multicultural Services assists qualified immigrants in apply for government programs and benefits. It is also involved in welcoming efforts on a county level. For information contact (612) 348-2193.
* The Immigrant and Refugee Affairs Program offered through the city of St. Paul also works to connect immigrants with legal and social service providers. For further information please contact Edmundo Lijo at [edmundo.lijo@ci.stpaul.mn.us](mailto:edmundo.lijo@ci.stpaul.mn.us).

**Chapter Member Efforts**

* Our very own Nadia Roife is coordinating efforts to help address the legal and social needs of Ukrainian nationals. She has put out a call for chapter volunteers (as well as food, supplies, and other donations) to join her in an upcoming event on Saturday, May 7. The plan is to assist as many Ukrainian nationals with TPS applications and questions. There will be workstations set up to help review and file applications with USCIS. Please note that this event is exclusively pro bono on a volunteer basis only. All donations and proceeds will remain with the church hosting the event. For more information, please contact Nadia at [nadezda.roife@roifelawgroup.com](mailto:nadezda.roife@roifelawgroup.com). A Facebook event page in Russian is available [here](https://facebook.com/events/s/%D1%81%D0%B5%D1%81%D1%81%D0%B8%D1%8F-%D0%BF%D0%BE%D0%BC%D0%BE%D1%89%D0%B8-%D0%B7%D0%B0%D0%BF%D0%BE%D0%BB%D0%BD%D0%B5%D0%BD%D0%B8%D1%8F-%D0%B8%D0%BC%D0%BC%D0%B8%D0%B3/730304004803259/) (please distribute).

**Lawyers for Good Government**

* Lawyers for Good Government (L4GG) has a national network of volunteer attorneys set up to provide TPS help to Ukrainians. Information about its TPS Pro Bono Project for Ukraine can be found at <https://www.lawyersforgoodgovernment.org/ukraine-tps-project>.