


You will be aware of political turmoil in the Hong Kong as the Chinese Communist Party turn their attention to integrating the former British colony with mainland China. This has led to unrest and will result in mass migration.

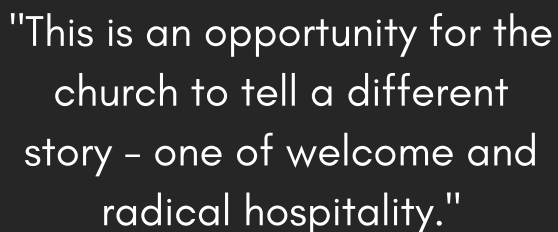
The UK Government has responded to the situation by issuing a new visa which will make it easy for Hong Kong residents to come to the UK.

This year, the Home Office estimates that 130,000 people will migrate from Hong Kong to the UK following the introduction of the new visa. In the end, Britain estimates that about 300,000 will take up the visa offer during the next five years.



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This is the largest planned migration of people to the UK since the migration of the Windrush generation.



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In a recent meeting, Krish Kandiah pointed out that when those from the Windrush generation arrived in the UK from the Caribbean, many of them were not made welcome. Tragically and regrettably, our UK churches often failed to have an open door for them. However, this is an opportunity for the church, in our generation, to tell a different story – one of welcome and radical hospitality.



A practical way of getting ready to do this, is to sign up your church to be a community that welcomes the people arriving from Hong Kong. UKHK is a movement in the UK church which aims to equip local churches to be Hong Kong Ready. You can sign up to be a Hong Kong-Ready Church here: <https://ukhk.org/church>.

Your congregation will be profiled on the UKHK Church page and those migrating from Hong Kong will be able to connect with you easily when they first arrive.

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<https://ukhk.org/church>

The denomination has already signed up to this, but if you wish to be involved as a local congregation then you must sign up to become a UKHK Church Partner. When you do this, you will receive information and resources which are tailored to help you as a congregation.

Those who arrive from Hong Kong will largely settle in urban areas, but it is expected that they will soon disperse into all areas of the country.

Please reflect on ways in which you can minister to the people from Hong Kong.

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