

Human Trafficking Awareness Day

January 11, 2009

“ . . . that all may have life, and have it abundantly.” John 10:10



Did you know . . .

- ❖ After drug dealing, trafficking of humans is tied with arms dealing as the second largest criminal industry in the world, and is the fastest growing.
- ❖ Approximately 800,000 people are trafficked across national borders, which does not include the millions trafficked within their own countries.
- ❖ In the US alone 14,500 to 17,500 people are trafficked each year.
- ❖ 80% of trafficked people are women and girls.
- ❖ 50% of trafficked people are under 18 years of age.

“In faith, responding to our Creator, we celebrate the full humanity of each woman, man, and child, all created in the divine image as individuals of infinite worth, by working for . . . Abolition of forced labor, human trafficking, and the exploitation of children . . .”



A Social Creed for the 21st Century

<http://www.nccusa.org/news/ga2007.socialcreed.html>

Human Trafficking is defined by the Trafficking Victims Protection Act of 2000 as . . .

- A. Sex trafficking in which a commercial sex act is induced by force, fraud, or coercion, or in which the person induced to perform such an act has not attained 18 years of age; or
- B. the recruitment, harboring, transportation, provision, or obtaining of a person for labor or services, through the use of force, fraud, or coercion for the purpose of subjection to involuntary servitude, peonage, debt bondage, or slavery.



The Rescue & Restore Campaign provides free educational materials and outreach kits to educate and assist health care providers, social service providers and law enforcement officers in their efforts to identify and help victims of trafficking.

www.acf.hhs.gov/trafficking/index.html

If you are a victim of human trafficking and need immediate help or if you suspect a potential trafficking situation, call the National Human Trafficking Resource Center Hotline toll-free, 24 hours a day 7 days a week at 1-888-373-7888.

Education and awareness are the first steps towards impacting change that will support the dignity of all God’s people and work to end human trafficking. At the September 22, 2008 NCC Governing Board meeting unanimously passed a Resolution on Human Trafficking. (www.nccusa.org/NCCpolicies/humantrafficking.htm) For educational resources and to learn about initiatives of NCC member communions go to www.nccusa.org/womensministry.