

## How You Can Help Stop Human Trafficking

- ✓ United Methodist Women members all over the country can join together to stop modern day slavery. Your unit can host an education forum to help educate others on the realities of human trafficking. Call the United Methodist Women Washington Office of Public Policy at **202-488-5660** to identify a program facilitator. Invite local law enforcement agencies, friends and other faith-based and humanitarian groups to your program.
- ✓ Contact your local law enforcement agency about human trafficking in your community. How does your local agency prevent and prosecute trafficking? Are there safe houses, legal or translation services, medical or counseling services to assist victims of trafficking in your community? How can you help? E-mail us - [umwanet@unitedmethodistwomen.org](mailto:umwanet@unitedmethodistwomen.org) to let us know what you learn.
- ✓ Watch for signs of trafficking. Be aware, and report possible trafficking to local authorities and the U.S. Department of Justice at 1-888-428-7581. Share the signs of human trafficking with youth groups and other groups in your church and community. Create a community task force. Victims don't usually identify themselves.
- ✓ Buy fair trade. Know where the products you buy come from and how they are made.
- ✓ Support education and business opportunities for women and girls.
- ✓ The United Methodist Women website <http://www.unitedmethodistwomen.org> provides many tools, including human trafficking Bible studies, action alerts and a PowerPoint presentation, as well as downloadable fliers and materials from its Intercept Human Trafficking campaign.
- ✓ For immediate help, call the National Human Trafficking Hotline at 1-888-373-7888. You can also call the National Runaway Hotline at 1-800-RUN-AWAY or the National Domestic Violence Hotline 1-800-799-SAFE.

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***Human Trafficking: A Resource for Preventing, Protecting, Prosecuting***  
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<http://www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/human-trafficking>