A PROGRAM OF HOLSTON CONFERENCE UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

SOCIAL ACTION DAY
SATURDAY, AUGUST 12, 2017

HUMAN TRAFFICKING:
LOOKING AT THE PROBLEM-
SEARCHING FOR SOLUTIONS

Why are we just hearing about Human Trafficking?

Human trafficking is a hidden crime as victims rarely come forward to seek help because of:

♦ Language barriers
♦ Fear of traffickers
♦ Fear of law enforcement
♦ Addicted to drugs they are rewarded for performing
♦ Ashamed
♦ Was previously looked at as prostitution

Get the answers to these and many more questions regarding Human Trafficking.

FAIRVIEW UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
2508 Old Niles Ferry Road
Maryville, TN 37803
Assistant DA Hector Sanchez began interning with the Knox County DA’s Office in January of 2010, immediately after graduating from Old Dominion University. General Sanchez also carries the title of Sergeant Sanchez of the United States Marine Corps, having distinguished himself in our Armed Services by serving in Afghanistan during Operation Enduring Freedom before receiving an honorable discharge in 2009. During his third year of law school at the University of Tennessee, College of Law, General Sanchez says he was fortunate enough to serve as Chair of the Moot Court Executive Board and was awarded the Chancellor George Lewis Moot Court Award. The Award is designed to recognize those who have “exhibited excellence and attained high honor through the art of courtroom advocacy.” Additionally, he was elected to the National Order of the Barristers, an elite organization that only selects ten graduates per year. Other than the Assistant DAs in his unit, General Sanchez is inspired daily by the work ethic of General TaKisha Fitzgerald, and looks to her as a mentor. He says he has always had a calling to work in public service/law enforcement and a gratifying purpose of his job is the impact that he is able make on the community by taking violent, predatory, and felony drug offenders off of the streets. Since he began working here, General Sanchez has relished the experiences of being present when the Repeat Offender Squad of the Knoxville Police Department has served search warrants and nuisance injunctions, and he has successfully tried several high-profile cases, particularly drug free school zone violations, including a large-scale heroin conspiracy and a felony murder case.

Human trafficking is modern-day slavery and involves the use of the following to obtain some type of labor or commercial sex act:

— Force
— Fraud
— Coercion

Every year, millions of men, women, and children are trafficked in countries around the world, including the United States. It is estimated that human trafficking generates many billions of dollars of profit per year, second only to drug trafficking as the most profitable form of transnational crime.

Numbers of Human Trafficking:
7 years: Average life of a commercial sex slave, once trafficked
14K to 15K: People trafficked across US borders annually
83 Percent of victims in confirmed sex-trafficking incidents were identified as U.S. citizens
33 Percent of all runaways who will be sexually exploited within 48 hours
90 Percent of runaways who ultimately end up in the commercial sex trade
Investigator Phil Jinks has been employed by the City of Knoxville Police Department since December, 1996. Following two years in the Police Cadet Program, he began the Knoxville Police Academy in December of 1998 and was graduated in December, 1999 starting with a patrol squad serving with a myriad of duties over the years including being a Crisis Negotiator. In 2005, Mr. Jinks was assigned to the East Community Response Team to respond to community complaints regarding street level drug dealing, gang activity, prostitution and other public order crimes followed up by joining the Repeat Offender Squad. In 2016 he was transferred to the Criminal Investigations Division and assigned to the Organized Crime Unit.

He has been involved in the detection and investigation of thousands of state and federal drug violations and has received specialized training in drug detection, identification and enforcement through numerous private entities and government agencies. He has become very familiar with the methods, operations and schemes commonly employed by individuals involved in violations of drug statutes.

Mr. Jinks has actively participated in investigations involving the FBI, TBI, ATF, DEA, DHS, JTTF, HIDTA and numerous Judicial Drug Task Forces spanning multiple jurisdictions. He has been recognized as an expert in the field of drug investigations and has testified as such in the Sixth Judicial District in Knox County and the Federal District Court for the Eastern District of Tennessee.

**SCHEDULE FOR THE DAY**

- 9:30 a.m. Registration
- 10:00 a.m. Opening Session
- 12:00 p.m. Lunch
- 1:00 p.m. Session followed by Questions and Answers
  - Final Words and Thoughts
WHAT IS HUMAN TRAFFICKING?

**Wikipedia states:** Human trafficking is the trade of humans, most commonly for the purpose of forced labor, sexual slavery, or commercial sexual exploitation for the trafficker or others. This may encompass providing a spouse in the context of forced marriage, or the extraction of organs or tissues, including for surrogacy and ova removal. Human trafficking can occur within a country or trans-nationally. Human trafficking is a crime against the person because of the violation of the victim’s rights of movement through coercion and because of their commercial exploitation. Human trafficking is the trade in people, especially women and children, and does not necessarily involve the movement of the person from one place to another. Human trafficking is thought to be one of the fastest-growing activities of trans-national criminal organizations.

Other sources state:

In addition to being a violent crime, human trafficking is a public health concern that impacts individuals, families, and entire communities across generations. Human trafficking is a modern form of slavery. It involves controlling a person through force, fraud and coercion to exploit the victim for forced labor, sexual exploitation, or both. Human trafficking strips victims of their freedom and violates our nation’s promise that every person in the United States is guaranteed basic human rights. It is also a crime. Victims of human trafficking represent a range of backgrounds in terms of age, nationality, socioeconomic status, and education, but one characteristic that they usually share is some form of vulnerability. They are often isolated from their families and social networks. In some cases, victims are separated from their country of origin, native language, and culture.

**UNITED METHODIST WOMEN FIGHT HUMAN TRAFFICKING!**

The following excerpts have been taken from UMW Resource Packet 2014 written by Susie Johnson, 2014 Executive for Public Policy and leader of the Human Trafficking Initiative—United Methodist Women. The full report can be located on the United Methodist Women website at: http://www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/ht/packet.

“The organization has been active in fighting human trafficking for more than a decade. More than 20 million people internationally have fallen victim to human trafficking and the epidemic has become the second largest criminal activity behind the sale of illicit drugs. As advocates for social justice, United Methodist Women will continue to work towards ending cruel trade and fight for the rights of those exploited by it.

Starting in 1998, Dr. Laura Lederer initiated America’s first systematic examination of global sex trafficking, labor trafficking and labor bondage when she began The Protection Project at Harvard University. United Methodist Women has been closely involved with the project from the beginning, seeding its formation with a grant.

Human trafficking preys on the vulnerable and voiceless. For this reason, United Methodist Women has continuously fought to raise awareness of this modern-day slavery and give its survivors a voice. Through resource distribution and education, United Methodist Women has helped promote legislation that combats human trafficking, working with government both on state and national levels.

Though government pressure is an effective means of combating human trafficking, United Methodist Women has also called its members to action. In 2008, the Women’s Division (now United Methodist Women) Board of Directors affirmed an anti-trafficking resolution of the National Council of Churches and directed staff to develop program responses that result in justice for those violated by trafficking. By joining the global movement to end the complex web of sexual slavery, domestic servitude and labor bondage, United Methodist Women continues to be at the forefront of the fight against the exploitation of the world’s most vulnerable.

United Methodist Women doesn’t search for so-called victim sob stories—that’s the easy route, the one that grabs the heart and has Americans reaching for their handkerchiefs. Nor does the organization promote paid rescues. Whether focusing on labor or sex trafficking, the stories make it easier to see trafficked people as an “other,” as having nothing to do with the life of the television viewer, the film viewer or the person sitting in an educational forum. The hard work of dealing with the people who perpetuate these crimes means confronting our family members and our own complicity. We want to
make human trafficking personal, make people uncomfortable, make each person we encounter (through our outreach, education and advocacy) feel and bear their responsibility for their actions and inactions. Ending this modern-day slavery demands more than sentimentality. It demands the will to act out a commitment to personal and political transformation.

Human trafficking is rooted in gender inequality and a ruptured communal commitment to promoting social equity and economic resilience. Both labor and sex trafficking are connected to the feminization of poverty. Traffickers capitalize on rising unemployment, disintegrating social networks, and the low status of women in source countries by promising high wages and good working conditions in exciting localities. Seventy percent of the world’s poor are women and girls, most of whom live in developing countries with limited options for earning a living to care for their families. However, human trafficking—a form of modern-day slavery’ occurs in all industrialized nations, including the United States. Climate change, domestic violence and challenging parent-child relationships can expose women to conditions that often catalyze exploitation. A search for better life options ensnares women and girls within the web of human trafficking—women and youth who experience dysfunctional family relationships, migrants from areas no longer economically viable because of environmental degradation, travelers that move for work from the point of recruitment to somewhere with forced labor due to shifting employment centers (within a justice system thwarting attempts to escape or get help), prison inmates who become bonded to others in order to get basic necessities, and inmates being targeted by traffickers who offer to take care of them after their release. These individuals are vulnerable because they lack job skills or even a stable place to go. We need to encompass and amass the actions that lead to preventing human trafficking, protecting victimized survivors and prosecuting traffickers."

WHERE CAN VICTIMS BE FOUND?

“In American cities, traffickers are exploiting workers and sexually abusing women and children. On the internet the commercial sex industry relies heavily on human trafficking victims. All industry could have exploited victims from the garment industry, food processing, farm workers, field workers, and landscapers, food service staff, waiters and cooks, cleaning staff, salon workers, and even construction workers, and laborers in many avenues.”

WHY HELP?

The Book of Discipline of the United Methodist Church, 2012 states that United Methodists “deplore all forms of the commercialization and exploitation of sex, with their consequent cheapening and degradation of human personality. To lose freedom and be sold by someone else for sexual purposes is a form of slavery, and we denounce such business and support the abused and their right to freedom. We call for strict global enforcement of laws prohibiting the sexual exploitation or use of children by adults and encourage efforts to hold perpetrators legally and financially responsible.” (111-112)

The Book of Resolutions of the United Methodist Church, 2012 declares, “Therefore, The United Methodist Church, through education, financial resources, publication, lobbying, and the use of every relevant gift of God, shall join in the active battle against the modern-day enslavement of humans for commercial sexual exploitation, i.e., sex trafficking.” (Resolution 6023, “Abolition of Sex Trafficking”)

“Give justice to the weak and the orphan; maintain the right of the lowly and the destitute. Rescue the weak and the needy; deliver them from the hand of the wicked.” (Psalm 82:3-4)

Our Christian faith calls on us to actively seek justice for those in bondage. Is it our moral obligation to fight against one of the fastest growing criminal industries and end the constant imprisonment of God’s children?

WHAT CAN YOU AND I DO?

We can take pictures under umbrellas or surround ourselves with boxes to show support for the victims. We can tell the story by finding out more about Human Trafficking. We can support the organizations that are fighting against this crime. We can continue to learn and grow in knowledge.

Start somewhere, continue your education, find out what our local areas are doing, write your government officials...are all ways of doing something! Come on August 12th. You are needed.
DIRECTIONS TO FAIRVIEW UMC
2508 Old Niles Ferry Road, Maryville TN 37803

From Maryville or Alcoa:
Come down 411 S toward Vonore. Turn left on Fairview Drive (next to Wal-Mart). The first light is Old Niles Ferry Rd and the church is at that intersection.

From I–140 or 1-40:
Take the Alcoa Highway/Airport exit and come south toward Alcoa. Merge onto 411 S and continue until you come to Fairview Drive and turn left (next to the second Wal-Mart that you pass). The first light is Old Niles Ferry Rd and the church is at that intersection, 2508 Old Niles Ferry Road.
SOCIAL ACTION DAY
REGISTRATION
AUGUST 12, 2017  10:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m.

NAME _____________________________________________________________________
ADDRESS __________________________________________________________________
CITY____________________________________STATE ________ZIP CODE_____________
PHONE (HOME) __________________________ (MOBILE)___________________________
FIRST TIME ATTENDEE FOR SOCIAL ACTION WORKSHOP?  ______Yes    ______No
EMAIL ADDRESS ____________________________________________________________
CHURCH__________________________DISTRICT _________________________________

REGISTRATION FEE ENCLOSED $20.00—INCLUDES LUNCH. Registration is required
to assure adequate meals are prepared. REGISTRATION FEE AFTER August 4th is
$25.00.

Special Dietary needs must be pre-ordered. Please list your special dietary needs below.
I HAVE SPECIAL DIETARY NEEDS:_______________________________________________________
I HAVE SPECIAL NEEDS:_______________________________________________________________

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO HOLSTON CONFERENCE UNITED METHODIST WOMEN.
Send Registrations to: Evelyn Brunson, 406 Covenant Drive NE, Cleveland TN 37323 or email
this form to her at ebatthepoint@aol.com.

OVERNIGHT STAY—IF YOU PLAN TO SPEND THE NIGHT, YOU WILL NEED TO MAKE YOUR OWN HOTEL
RESERVATIONS AT LOCAL MARYVILLE OR KNOXVILLE HOTELS.

CHILDCARE — If you are registering children, please include childcare fees of $10.00 per child with
your registration check. Childcare is available for children, ages 2-9. Childcare is provided on location, for
pre-registered children only, during the event if registered by August 4th. Please bring lunch for your child(ren). Mothers or person bringing the child(ren) must be attending the Social Action Workshop. Children over 9 years of age
should be individually registered for the Social Action Workshop only.

The following child(ren) will be attending Social Action Workshop with me and I have attached a check for each child.
(Please provide child’s name and age, along with pertinent information) Remember, please bring lunch for your
child(ren).

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Guest: Harriet Jane Olson, CEO United Methodist Women
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go to Events, Annual Meeting for informational brochure.
UMW Pricing Deadline for Rooms is August 18th. Get yours quickly.