

Resolution on Human Trafficking

Human Trafficking is a worldwide problem and infects almost all countries and all economic systems. It is a form of modern slavery and the biggest money making system in the world. The DIAKONIA World Executive at its annual meeting in Moshi, Tanzania in July 2011 was confronted with the wideness of this reality. As an organisation of people involved in diaconal ministry in 34 countries of the world we feel very much connected with the victims of this crime. We want to raise our voice to the elimination of the conditions that lead to and perpetuate human trafficking. We ask our member organisations and the churches we belong to to raise awareness of human trafficking in everybody's surroundings and do as much as they can to overcome this inhuman practice.

We ask you to join in our prayer:

Loving God,

The broken creation yearns for wholeness.

Many are sold for sex, in bondage and exploited in factories and fields. Many are starving and thirsty. Many are homeless and refugees. Many are fearful, distraught and hopeless.

Many cry out for food, for shelter, for safety, for protection, for worthiness, for respect... for wholeness of body, mind and spirit.

Forgive me for closing my eyes and ears to the cries and suffering around me. I commit to you my helplessness and ask you to open my eyes and ears that i can respond to the cries. Make me willing to be an instrument of your love and peace. Help me to take action so your love and peace become real in this world.

Amen.

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