

From the Anti-Human Trafficking Network

Continue the Fight against Human Trafficking in Province V

Whereas Human trafficking is a form of modern-day slavery that covers both sex and labor exploitation; and the victims of human trafficking include young children, teens, men, and women; and human trafficking is both the second largest criminal industry in the world and the fastest growing, *and*

Whereas, The General Conventions of 2000, 2003, 2009, and 2012 approved five resolutions addressing the serious problem of human trafficking; and these five resolutions are 2000-A057, 2003-A025, 2003-D034, 2009-A167, and 2012-D042, *and*

Whereas These five resolutions contain specific instructions and advice for all Episcopal provinces, dioceses, and congregations to join the effort against human trafficking; and these instructions and advice remain valid and urgently needed, *and*

Whereas, Archbishop of Canterbury Justin Welby said in December 2014, “Faith leaders can make sure that every worshipping community know about modern slavery and is ready to work to prevent and end such abuses”; *therefore, be it*

Resolved, This Synod recommits Province V and all branches of the Episcopal Church contained within Province V to the important work that previous General Conventions have called for against the scourge of human trafficking; *and be it further*

Resolved, This Synod encourages all branches of the Episcopal Church contained within Province V to seriously and prayerfully consider taking up the following projects mentioned specifically in the above General Convention resolutions: 1) consult resource materials developed by the Executive Council’s Committee on the Status of Women and Anglican Women’s Empowerment, 2) launch educational campaigns within each diocese and congregation regarding the nature of this problem and ways to combat it, 3) partner with other churches, nongovernmental organizations, and law enforcement agencies to create a victim-centered approach to the fight against trafficking, 4) find ways to meet the medical, psychological, legal, and spiritual needs of victims, 5) support legislation to at all levels to combat this problem, 6) observe every year a Human Trafficking Awareness Day, and 7) dialogue

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