



Resources on Modern-Day Slavery

Church of the Brethren

- **Resolution on Slavery in the 21st Century: A Call to Awareness, Education, and Action**

www.brethren.org/ACslaveryresolution

A resolution adopted by the Church of the Brethren Annual Conference in 2008.

- **Church of the Brethren Study and Action Guide on Modern-Day Slavery**

www.brethren.org/slavery

This page on the denominational website includes various resources to help you learn more about the issue of modern-day slavery. Pieces highlight facts about modern-day slavery, biblical teachings, Annual Meeting minutes, resources, suggestions for action, and worship resources including sermon starters and a children's story.

The Church of the Brethren Study and Action Guide on Modern-Day Slavery

is posted at www.brethren.org/slavery and includes pieces on:

- Modern-Day Slavery
- Biblical Teachings on Slavery
- Church of the Brethren Statements on Slavery
- Resources for a Worship Focus on Slavery
- Suggestions for Action on Modern-Day Slavery
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- Bulletin Insert

- **Global Food Crisis Fund**

www.brethren.org/site/PageServer?pagename=go_give_food_crisis

The Church of the Brethren's Global Food Crisis Fund, although not an anti-slavery movement per se, supports low-income communities around the world with food security measures that help prevent the economic conditions that make people vulnerable to slavery.

- **SERRV**

www.serrv.org

SERRV is a fair-trade organization that markets handcrafts, jewelry, clothing, food and others items to help artisans from many different countries around the world to earn fair compensation for their work. SERRV was begun by the Church of the Brethren, but now is an independent nonprofit working with a number of different faith groups.

Interfaith Organizations

- **Coalition of Immokalee Workers**

www.ciw-online.org

The Coalition of Immokalee Workers, a farm workers group of tomato pickers, offers information about cases of modern-day slavery emerging from Florida's fields. CIW also has an Anti-Slavery Campaign—a worker-based approach to eliminating slavery in agriculture.

- **Interfaith Action of Southwest Florida**

www.interfaithact.org

This network of people of faith and religious institutions works in partnership with the Coalition of Immokalee Workers to improve sub-poverty wages and end modern-day slavery and human rights abuses in the fields.

- **Church Women United**

www.churchwomen.org

On its Global Action menu, the CWU website offers education and action resources and Internet links on trafficking in women and children, prostitution, and sex tourism.

- **National Council of Churches USA Justice for Women Working Group**

www.nccusa.org/womensministry/humantrafficking2.html

This working group of the National Council of Churches provides ecumenical resources to help people of faith educate themselves on the issue of slavery and take action to end human trafficking.

Other Not-for-Profit Groups

- **Free the Slaves**

www.freetheslaves.net

A not-for-profit that fights slavery worldwide by helping people to freedom,

removing slave labor from consumer products, and helping governments enforce antislavery laws, Free the Slaves offers resources including books, videos, personal stories of people who have been freed from slavery, an interactive world slavery map, “Top 10 Facts about Modern Slavery,” and an online store.

- **Business and Human Rights Resource Center**

www.business-humanrights.org

This organization tracks “positive and negative impacts” of more than 4,000 companies worldwide.

- **Coalition Against Trafficking in Women**

www.catwinternational.org

A coalition promoting women’s rights by working internationally to combat sexual exploitation and challenge the legalization and normalization of prostitution. It is part of the International Human Rights Network, and has Category II Consultative Status with the UN Economic and Social Council. At the website find international news reports on the trafficking of women, prostitution, other human rights issues, and a list of campaigns and projects in specific countries.

- **Children of the Night**

www.childrenofthenight.org

The group rescues children ages 11 to 17 who have been forced into the

commercial sex trade in the US. Children of the Night focuses on working with law enforcement to rescue children from prostitution in southern California, Las Vegas and other western cities, Miami, New York, Minneapolis, Atlanta, Phoenix, Hawaii, and Washington, D.C. It offers residential homes and rehabilitation for the children, including medical and psychological care, academic assessment, and social services. If you suspect a case of child prostitution call the hotline at 800-551-1300.

- **ECPAT-USA**

www.ecpatusa.org

Standing for “End Child Prostitution, Pornography, and Trafficking of Children for Sexual Purposes, the organization focuses on commercial sexual exploitation of children, child sex tourism, and child trafficking to the US. Its TassaTag luggage tag project, for “Travelers Against Sex Slavery and Trafficking,” raises funds to train people in the travel industry to take active roles against sex tourism, inform the public that sex with children is against the law in every country, and mobilize the US Congress against child sex tourism.

- **Free the Children**

www.freethechildren.com

An organization of “children helping children” founded in 1995 by Canadian Craig Kielburger, who at age 12, gathered school friends and began a campaign against the exploitation of child labor world-

wide. Free the Children raises money to build and staff schools, to support alternative income projects, to construct clean water systems, and to provide better health care to marginalized communities.

- **Global Centurion**

www.globalcenturion.org

Founded in 2008 by former State Department official Laura Lederer and others, this organization focuses on investigation, arrest, prosecution, and conviction of predators and perpetrators of child sexual slavery.

- **Not for Sale Campaign**

www.notforsalecampaign.org

This organization was founded by scholar and activist David Batstone. Its mission is to equip and mobilize activists to work against slavery at home and abroad.

- **Polaris Project: For a World Without Slavery**

www.polarisproject.org
www.slaverystillexists.org

This project works to end human trafficking, with offices in many states and on university campuses. It offers contact numbers to report suspected trafficking on its website as well as a Fellowship Program for young adults interested in working for the anti-trafficking movement, and a national grassroots campaign “Slavery Still Exists.” Contact the Polaris Project at 202-745-1001.

United States Government

• State Department Office to Monitor and Combat Trafficking in Persons

www.state.gov/g/tip

The website offers the federal government's annual *Trafficking in Persons Report*, along with other government documents and reports of US funding for work against human trafficking.

• Department of Health and Human Services Campaign to Rescue and Restore Victims of Human Trafficking

www.acf.hhs.gov/trafficking/

A joint project of the US Department of Health and Human Services, the Anti-Trafficking in Persons (ATIP) Program in the Office of Refugee Resettlement, and the US Conference of Catholic Bishops. The campaign's "Rescue and Restore" works on local outreach with grassroots organizations that identify and work with victims.

• National Human Trafficking Resource Center Hotline

888-373-7888

Call this hotline to report suspected incidents of human trafficking.

• How to identify and report trafficking victims

www.state.gov/g/tip/c16508.htm

This page offers helpful information on recognizing and aiding victims of human trafficking.

• National Day of Human Trafficking Awareness

Set for January 11 each year. It was established in June 2007 by a concurrent resolution of the US House of Representatives and the US Senate.

• The House Human Trafficking Caucus

Ask your US Representative to join this bipartisan caucus, if she or he is not already a member.

• Congressional Human Rights Caucus in the Senate

Ask your Senator to join this caucus and work to make slavery and human trafficking an important focus of attention.

United Nations

• UN Office on Drugs and Crime Global Program Against Trafficking

www.unodc.org/unodc/en/human-trafficking/index.html

The website gives an overview of the United Nation's work in the human trafficking field and the real-life complexities faced by people globally every day, in the areas of prevention of trafficking, protection of victims, and prosecution of offenders.

Information is offered about UN GIFT, a "Global Initiative to Fight Human Trafficking."

• UN Cyber Schoolbus

<http://cyberschoolbus.un.org/childsoldiers/webquest>

A youth-friendly online educational resource offers information about the problem of children recruited into military forces, information on child soldiers by country, helps for student researchers, and suggestions for taking action.

• UNICEF

www.unicef.org

UNICEF offers information and resources on child trafficking and exploitation, and child labor.

Films and Videos

• *It Takes a Child*

www.bullfrogfilms.com

A 58-minute film released in 1998 documenting the work of then-15-year-old antislavery activist Craig Kielburger. After learning about the death of a child labor activist in Pakistan, Kielburger started a child-run organization called Free the Children, which now has 10,000 members worldwide. Appropriate for grade 5 through adult.

• *Call and Response*

www.callandresponse.com

This is an antislavery "rockumentary" produced and directed by Justin Dillon. It features many actors and singers, along with other prominent political and cultural figures. This film is currently only viewable by

attending a showing. See the website for a schedule.

- ***Lives for Sale***

www.livesforsale.com

A one-hour investigative documentary about human trafficking, a production of Maryknoll and Lightfoot Films in association with Faith & Values Media, which has been shown on PBS stations. A preview is available on the website and a DVD may be ordered for \$19.95.

- **Free the Slaves videos**

www.freetheslaves.net

Videos that are available include *Slavery 101*, *The Silent Revolution*, *Freedom and Beyond*, *Dreams Die Hard*, and *Slavery: A Global Investigation*. Many of these may be viewed free of charge on a home computer, or ordered in DVD format for viewing in classes or study groups.

- **Not For Sale videos**

www.notforsalecampaign.org

These include an NBC Special Report about the Not for Sale Campaign work to combat sex slavery in San Francisco, and a 30-minute documentary about how students at the University of San Francisco carried out a successful effort against local traffickers. This documentary also can be purchased for \$4.99.

- ***Not My Life***

www.notmylife.org

A feature-length documentary about global human trafficking filmed in North and South America, Europe, Asia, and Africa. It follows the stories of several trafficked persons.

Books

- ***Be the Change: Your Guide to Freeing Slaves and Changing the World***

By Zach Hunter, published by Zondervan, 2007. This is a book by a teen for teens. Zach Hunter is a teenage abolitionist who started an organization called Loose Change to Loosen Chains. The book has quotes, vignettes, short commentaries, and questions for reflection and discussion.

- ***Half the Sky: Turning Oppression into Opportunity for Women Worldwide***

By Nicholas D. Kristof and Sheryl WuDunn, published by Alfred A. Knopf, 2009. Kristof and WuDunn are *New York Times* correspondents whose book chronicles many severe injustices faced by women today but offers, through case studies, inspiring stories of women who have triumphed against adversity and people and groups who are making a difference worldwide.

- ***Modern Slavery: The Secret World of 27 Million People***

By Kevin Bales, Zoe Trodd, and Alex Kent Williamson, published by One-world Publications, 2009. This book gives a brief history of slavery throughout time and then conducts a chapter-by-chapter discussion of the different forms of slavery today. It concludes with a chapter on how we can end slavery in our lifetimes.

- ***To Plead Our Own Cause: Personal Stories***

Edited by Kevin Bales and Zoe Trodd, published by Cornell University Press, 2008. This book includes narratives from 95 people who have chosen to share their stories of enslavement.

- ***Amazing Grace: William Wilberforce and the Heroic Campaign to End Slavery***

By Eric Metaxas, published by HarperSanFrancisco, this book is a companion volume to the movie of the same title. Order from Brethren Press for \$13.95 plus shipping and handling, call 800-441-3712.

- ***A Crime So Monstrous: Face-to-Face with Modern-Day Slavery***

By Benjamin E. Skinner, published by Free Press in New York, 2008. The book offers an exposé of modern-day slavery and human trafficking. Order from Brethren Press for \$26 plus shipping and handling.

- ***Disposable People: New Slavery in the Global Economy***

By Kevin Bales, published by Berkeley: University of California Press, 1999. This well-researched book documents the existence of modern-day slavery. It provides examples of slavery in Thailand, Mauritania, Brazil, Pakistan, and India, and offers suggestions for action. Order from Brethren Press for \$19.95 plus shipping and handling.

- ***Ending Slavery: How We Free Today's Slaves***

By Kevin Bales, from the University of California Press, 2007. The book suggests a program for abolishing slavery worldwide in 25 years. Order from Brethren Press for \$24.95 plus shipping and handling, call 800-441-3712.

- ***Enslaved: True Stories of Modern Day Slavery***

By Jesse Sage and Liora Kasten, published by Palgrave MacMillan in 2006. It tells the stories of seven former slaves who were held in locations from Belarus to China to the US, and includes testimony from a former slaveowner in Mauritania. Order from Brethren Press for \$14.95 plus shipping and handling.

- ***A Long Way Gone***

By Ishmael Beah. In this book, Beah chronicles his experience as a 12-year-old fleeing civil war in his homeland of Sierra Leone and being picked up and trained to fight in the government army. After four years he was

rescued and rehabilitated by a UNICEF-sponsored rehabilitation center. He now lives in the United States.

- ***Not For Sale: The Return of the Global Slave Trade—and How We Can Fight It***

By David Batstone. An award-winning journalist, Batstone profiles a new generation of abolitionists leading the struggle to end slavery, and tells of those in bondage (HarperOne, 2007). Order from Brethren Press for \$14.95 plus shipping and handling. Go to www.notforsalecampaign.org for resources to address slavery, including helps to develop local investigation and intervention programs. Resources include “Not For Trade Show” on organizing an anti-slavery event at a college; and “High School Toolkit” for teenagers.

- ***The Slave Next Door: Human Trafficking and Slavery in America Today***

By Kevin Bales and Ron Soodalter, University of California Press, 2009. The book exposes the human trafficking and slavery that currently exists in the United States.

Other Resources

- ***Slavery Still Exists: And It Could Be in Your Backyard***

From Free the Slaves, this booklet is a community member’s guide to fighting human trafficking and slavery.

- **Amnesty International (AI) Kids Urgent Action**

www.amnestyusa.org

Amnesty International USA lists among its priorities violence against women, human trafficking, the sex trade, international marriage brokers, and children’s rights, including the problem of child soldiers. The website offers the “AI Kids Urgent Action” resource giving children and youth a way to support human rights.