Human Trafficking: Continuum of Action

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Awareness	Involvement	Leadership
Read an article.	Share an article or the issue of AMOS on human trafficking with another person. Discuss what you learned.	Make an article or resources on human trafficking available at church or work.
Watch a DVD from IPJC with family or friends. (www.ipjc.org)	Reflect and discuss your feelings, questions and hopes for those who are victims of trafficking.	Write a short review or recommendation on the video. Organize a church or community showing of the video.
Visit one or more websites and follow one story or issue. Download the curriculum: www.freetheslaves.net.	Send a copy of the curriculum to a teacher you know or to your child's social studies teacher.	Offer to be a support person or volunteer for a school or classroom project on trafficking of persons.
Research through the internet, church, or government agency one group that works on the issue of trafficking of persons.	Volunteer with, or make a donation to one group addressing trafficking of persons.	Have your church, community group or family support an organization addressing trafficking of persons.
Become familiar with the United Nations resolution on trafficking of persons (2000).	Write a letter to your Senator asking for the U.S. to ratify the UN resolution without reservations.	Coordinate a church or community call in or letter campaign. Post a sample letter at church or school.
Be aware of the U.S. Trafficking Victims Protection Reauthorization Act and pending immigration legislation.	Contact your Congress person to support legislation that will address root causes and assist trafficking victims.	
Watch for media coverage on the topic of trafficking and demand for trafficking of persons.	Ask your church or denominational newspaper to run a story on the trafficking of persons.	Explore any possible sister church/ agency/city relationships that might address trafficking of persons.
Discover the local, regional and national resources on trafficking and demand for trafficking of persons.	Contact organizations for materials, speakers, workshops. www.ipjc.org www.unanima-international.org	Form a committee or ask your church social concerns group to consider hosting a speaker or workshop.
Be familiar with options for charity (direct service for victims) and for justice (addressing the root causes) regarding trafficking of persons.	Take one action to support victims. Take one action for advocacy that addresses the systems that affect trafficking of persons.	Invite others to join you in your action. Support or start a safe house for trafficked women. Post this action guide where others will see it.
After further study, reflect on whether any practice at your place of work or in your purchasing could in any way have a link to the trafficking of persons for sweatshops, prostitution or servitude.	Identify one purchasing practice you will change or one question you will pose at your work place, related to sweatshops or Fair Trade goods.	Suggest your work place support fair-trade products. Provide a speaker, panel or forum on the issue of trafficking of persons.
Consider where or how government, military intervention or economic policies can have a correlation to the trafficking of persons.	Ask people that you know who have worked with or served in the military what their experience has been.	Identify and support groups that monitor or research trafficking issues and related military and economic policy.