

There are more people trapped in slavery today than at any other point in human history. Modern slavery is an umbrella term covering forced labor, debt bondage, forced marriage, and human trafficking — situations of exploitation a person cannot refuse or leave because of threats, violence, coercion, or deception.



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Since 2012, The Exodus Road has remained committed to the fight against human trafficking. Our model includes a three-tier approach to the issue, including **prevention, intervention, and aftercare efforts** that work collaboratively to provide a holistic response on a global scale. Each pillar of our work strengthens the others, creating a cycle of protection, disruption, and restoration.

\$40.00 can fund one night of investigation
\$150.00 can provide medical care for a survivor
\$1325.00 can fund one operation to pull humans out of their situation of slavery.

What does the United Methodist Church say About Human Trafficking?

- We condemn human trafficking and slavery as profound violations of the inherent dignity and worth of every person and of their

fundamental rights related to autonomy, including the ability of every individual to make personal life choices.

- We understand slavery to be a repudiation of the basic Christian understanding that all people are created in the image of God...
- We support the abolition of human trafficking and slavery of any kind.
- We commit ourselves to work toward the elimination of the social and economic inequities that provide fertile ground for the flourishing of these evils.
- We also reject the practice of using enslaved, indentured, imprisoned or coerced laborers in extractive industries or in the production of commercial goods.
- We urge individuals, families, congregations, and retailers to practice socially responsible consumerism by educating themselves about the sources of labor and the working conditions involved in production processes (The Economic Community, Economic Challenges, C. Human Trafficking and Slavery)
- People of faith must work to change attitudes, beliefs, policies, and practices at all levels of society that dehumanize and promote the exploitation and abuse of women and girls.

(2020/2024 Book of Resolutions, #2120, Eradicating Modern-Day Slavery)

What do the facts say?

- An estimated 40.3 million people are in modern slavery, including 24.9 million in forced labor and 15.4 million in forced marriage¹.
- Women and girls are disproportionately affected by forced labor, accounting for 99% of victims in the commercial sex industry, and 58% in other sectors².
- Globally, forced labor and sex trafficking generates \$150 billion in profits annually with two-thirds of that total coming from commercial sexual exploitation³.
- 156 goods from 77 countries are produced by forced and child labor.