



NORTH DAKOTA
HUMAN TRAFFICKING TASK FORCE

Faith Community Action Steps

1. EDUCATE

- Learn how to identify, respond to, and prevent sex and labor trafficking by inviting a member of the NDHTTF to speak at your place of worship.
- Host a film screening and discussion on a documentary pertaining to human trafficking.
- Choose a book on human trafficking for your next book club read.

2. WELCOME

- Create a welcoming environment for human trafficking survivors, whether they have disclosed their history or not. For many survivors, having a strong faith community is a critical aspect of their social and spiritual support.
- Avoid judgment about survivors' experiences and making assumptions about the services or support they may be receiving.

3. PARTNER

- Combating human trafficking requires collaboration from the entire community. Building partnerships with anti-trafficking organizations like the NDHTTF is essential.
- If your community has a local task force or interfaith coalition, consider joining it.

4. REPORT

- If you believe you have information about a potential human trafficking situation, call the National Human Trafficking Hotline at 888.373.7888 or text "BeFree" (233733).
- In an emergency, contact your local law enforcement (911).
- To report tips or other information, contact the SLIC Tipline at <https://www.ndslc.nd.gov/human-trafficking>.

5. PREVENT

- Make your home a safe place by setting healthy boundaries and cultivating an environment of love and acceptance.
- Monitor your children's online accounts, extracurricular activities, and the friends they engage with.
- Have age appropriate to conversations with your children on human trafficking.

6. ADVOCATE

- Utilize survivor centered trauma-informed language when discussing human trafficking.
- Advocate for the development of services for survivors of labor and sex trafficking in your communities.



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7. VOLUNTEER

- Volunteer your time and skills to anti-trafficking organizations. Many anti-trafficking organizations need tutors, mentors, teachers, clinicians, attorneys, and much more.
 - Encourage members of your faith community to volunteer their time and talents for local anti-trafficking initiatives and other organizations that serve at risk juveniles and adults such as homeless shelters, food banks, domestic violence shelters and local schools.
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8. DONATE

- Your faith community can organization a fundraiser or other anti-trafficking event and donate the proceeds to local organizations combating human trafficking.
 - Host a Freedom Sunday event in your place of worship.
 - Members of your faith community can also play an important role in strengthening the human trafficking response by donating items needed for survivors to local anti-trafficking organizations. The following is a list of suggested items:
 - Gift cards to gas station, McDonalds, or stores like Wal-Mart
 - Phone minutes
 - Track phones
 - Comfy socks or slippers
 - Flip-flops
 - Winter gloves, scarves, or hats
 - Journals or adult coloring books
 - Granola bars
 - Bottled water or a juice box
 - Feminine products
 - Deodorant
 - Chap-stick
 - Toothbrush and toothpaste
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9. PURCHASE

- Faith communities can commit to purchasing fair trade goods.
 - Be a conscientious and informed consumer. Take steps to investigate and prevent human trafficking in supply chains and share that information with fellow faith community members.
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10. PRAY

- You can organize a prayer chain through your place of worship to pray for your community, anti-trafficking organizations, survivors, as well as others who have been affected by human trafficking.
- Your faith community can host a candlelight vigil or prayer gathering for those impacted by human trafficking.

For more information please visit ndhttf.org or contact info@ndhttf.org.