

# CONSENT CALENDAR SR 05

## 2015 OREGON-IDAHO ANNUAL CONFERENCE

1 **TITLE: SUPPORT THE ABOLITION OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING (2009; revised 2012)**

2 **SPONSORING GROUP OR INDIVIDUAL: Methodist Federation for Social Action & Active for**  
3 **Peace & Justice at Corvallis 1<sup>st</sup> United Methodist**

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8 **This petition is a renewal of an existing Standing Resolution (no revisions)**

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10 **LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY RECOMMENDATION: YES 24, NO 0, ABSTAIN 0**

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13 **Text of the Standing Resolution as it would appear in the Conference Journal:**

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15 The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has  
16 sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go  
17 free, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor. Luke 4:18-19

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19 The plight of human trafficking is not only one of the world's most prevalent forms of criminal activity but  
20 arguably the most degrading, preying on the most vulnerable members of society. Human trafficking is  
21 defined by the United Nations as the recruitment, transportation, transfer, harboring or receipt of people,  
22 either by threat, abduction, deception or abuse of power for the purpose of sexual or labor-related  
23 exploitation. According to the U.S. Department of State Trafficking in Persons Report 2010, the number of  
24 adults and children worldwide currently in forced labor, bonded labor and forced prostitution was 12.3  
25 million people, with more people being victims of labor trafficking than of commercial sex trafficking.  
26 However, women and children represent 80 percent of those affected.

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28 The Oregon-Idaho Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church supports the abolition of the  
29 Modern slave trade, or human trafficking as it is called now, that is happening worldwide, in the U.S. and  
30 in Oregon and Idaho. Because our two states have major interstate highways intersecting north-south  
31 (I-5) and east-west (I-84) with access to Pacific coastline ports, and need many agricultural and service  
32 laborers, we are among the states highest in human trafficking.

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34 The Oregon-Idaho Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church strongly urges all local churches to  
35 participate in the 2009-2012 quadrennium study of "Abolition of Sex Trafficking," as approved and  
36 recorded in the General Conference ~~2008~~ **2012** Book of Resolutions (Resolution 6023, p ~~723~~ **709**). Within  
37 Methodism, both United Methodist Women/UMW and United Methodist Committee on Relief/UMCOR  
38 have vibrant programs and projects that serve people in the U.S. and overseas who've survived human  
39 trafficking.

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41 We continue to call all local churches in our Oregon-Idaho Annual Conference to help end human  
42 trafficking here and around the world:

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44 (1) by studying the excellent, free, 30 page pdf UMW resource packet, "Human Trafficking: Preventing,  
45 Protecting, Prosecuting" (<http://new.gbgbm-umc.org/umw/act/> ) click 'Human Trafficking';

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1 (2) by inviting UMW members to present this information on Human Trafficking to your congregation or  
2 several congregations jointly; and

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4 (3) by supporting UMW and UMCOR in their important work with human trafficking victims (UMCOR  
5 link: (<http://new.gbgm-umc.org/UMCOR/search/index.cfm?keywords=Human>)

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### SUPPORTING INFORMATION

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#### **What will this action accomplish?**

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Churches are urged to continue UMC efforts to end Human Trafficking.

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#### **Why is it important?**

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Every child, woman and man is valuable in God's sight, and we must make this world a safe, secure  
16 place for everyone.

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#### **How will it be carried out? By whom?**

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United Methodist Women are continuing to share information to people in local churches.

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#### **How much will it cost? Where will the money come from?**

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Cost of printing in the Journal. Church members will volunteer to freely share information.

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