

## **LCWR ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 2012 ABOLISHING HUMAN TRAFFICKING**

### **RESOLUTION**

*The members of LCWR commit to collaborate in order to abolish human trafficking, a form of modern day slavery.*

### **RATIONALE**

The signs of our times point to a growing industry in the slave trade, second only to the arms trade. As women religious we have a history of recognizing the needs of our times not fully addressed by our society.

Since many of our Congregations are already committed to ending the trafficking of human persons and some are working with survivors a common commitment by LCWR could serve to focus our efforts and strengthen our voice in the struggle to end this form of modern day slavery.

### **SUGGESTED ACTIONS**

LCWR members educate their Congregations about the systemic aspects of this global issue.

LCWR members advocate for legislative changes both on the state and federal level that protect the rights of all human beings and provide the resources for their restoration into society.

LCWR members raise consciousness about this issue through conversations with family, friends, and partners in ministry and by networking with local and national organizations.

LCWR members network with groups in an effort to provide employment, counseling, housing, and similar services for persons whose lives have been devastated by trafficking.

LCWR members consider supporting successful programs which provide emergency services, counseling, and legal representation in order to secure their survival, for example the Coalition to Abolish Slavery and Trafficking in Los Angeles, etc.

LCWR members participate in highlighting issues related to sexual exploitation prior to political, cultural, and athletic events, for example political conventions, World Cup, Olympic Games, Super Bowl, etc.

LCWR members use the *Bakhita Initiative: U.S. Catholic Sisters United against Human Trafficking* mapping project to provide congregational members with resources, ministry opportunities, and ideas for strengthening anti-trafficking efforts.

LCWR members, Congregations, regions, board, and staff pray for those who have been victims of trafficking, as well as their traffickers.

Submitted by members of LCWR Region 14

