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JANUARY IS HUMAN TRAFFICKING AWARENESS MONTH

A Call to Action for the Christian Community

Psalm 82:4 (NIV): "Rescue the weak and the needy; deliver them from the hand of the wicked."

Our Biblical Mandate

Human trafficking is one of the fastest-growing criminal enterprises in the world. As representatives of Jesus Christ, we are called to confront injustice and intervene on behalf of the vulnerable. Psalm 82:4 reminds us that rescue, advocacy, and protection are not optional—they are sacred responsibilities.

What Is Human Trafficking?

Human trafficking is the exploitation of individuals through force, fraud, or coercion for labor, services, or commercial sex. It affects children, teens, and adults in urban, suburban, and rural communities.

Red Flags might include:

- Signs of physical abuse, malnourishment, or neglect
- Sudden changes in behavior, attire, or social circles
- Persons suddenly in possession of expensive items
- Someone who appears fearful, anxious, submissive, or unable to make eye contact
- Individuals who seem coached in their responses
- Restricted communication or someone speaking on their behalf at all times
- A young person missing school regularly or suddenly disengaging from activities
- A victim expressing concern for “owing a debt” or being unable to leave a situation

How can the church respond?

- Pray intentionally for protection, justice, and healing (Ps141:9, Amos 5:24, Jer 30:17)
- Educate congregations and advocate for school programs about trafficking realities in our communities
- Create safe spaces for youth engagement
- Report suspicious situations—silence enables exploitation

If You Suspect Trafficking, call the National Human Trafficking Hotline:

1-888-373-7888

New Jersey Resources

- SaferNJ.org – Official New Jersey human trafficking awareness and reporting resource
- TraffickJam.info – Artistic, educational programming created by Minister Wincey Terry-Bryant to empower youth and communities through music, storytelling, and prevention education.