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Dear member churches,

AACC'S CALL FOR AWARENESS CREATION AND PRAYERS TO MARK THE WORLD DAY AGAINST TRAFFICKING IN PERSONS (30TH July 2019)

World Day against Trafficking in Persons 2019 will be held on 30th July, and is an annual event. People trafficking and modern day slavery is a massive worldwide problem with very few countries immune to human trafficking, and the event by the United Nations is to raise awareness and increase prevention of that.

Thousands of men, women and children end up in the hands of traffickers every year, often through being tricked and misled to believe that they are being taken to work and that will make their family better off, or through force or kidnap. Some very poor families even sell their children in order to survive and they become victims.

Trafficked people are forced to work, often doing hard labour or prostitution, for no reward, and usually have their identity and documents removed from them and are warned of terrible punishments if they escape. Often, they are taken to unfamiliar countries where they don't know the language and have no way of getting help. Some are even killed, in order to sell their organs to rich people. Some others die and are never heard of again by their families and communities.

The AACC has identified the issue as a phenomenon that undermines the dignity of people created in the image of God. That is the reason why we are encouraging you to remember the victims of trafficking in your congregations, either on **Sunday, 28 July 2019 or 4th August 2019**. We also urge you to be alert and not allow yourselves or your children to be taken advantage of.

Hebrews 13: 2-3 tells us: "Do not forget to entertain strangers, for by so doing some people have entertained angels without knowing it. Remember those in prison as if you were their fellow prisoners, and those who are ill-treated as if you yourselves were suffering".

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