



The Joyful News



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A Message from the President

Dear Sisters-in-Christ,

I have an invitation for you!

Linda Post Bushkofsky, Executive Director of the WELCA, in an article for the June 2015 *Gather Magazine*, talked about our foremothers who established two endowment funds to support ministries in Liberia (one in 1916 and a second in 1921). She goes on to describe how these women, nearly a century ago, "laid a foundation that made it possible for that work to continue even today." Linda further states, "Our foremothers built strong women's organizations, equipped with resources that make a difference in the world. When we donate to Women of the ELCA, that's what we are supporting." She ends her article with a question for us. "How can we build on that foundation for future generations of women?"

This is Stewardship—this is Discipleship. Building a program that will last, one that helps people now, one that will help people in the future. WELCA is that program. Let me remind you of what it is we do.

We engage in ministry; we [take action through advocacy](#); we promote [healing and wholeness](#); and we [support one another in our callings](#).

We offer anti-racism training; address domestic violence, commercial sexual exploitation, and human trafficking; and support families with special needs.

We assist participants in their desire to discern God's call in their lives and to discover their spiritual gifts through workshops, retreats, resources, [scholarships](#), and [global education](#).

We offer [grants](#) to not-for-profit organizations, both domestic and international, that support healing and wholeness for women of all ages through the affirmation and advancement of women's emotional, physical, and spiritual health.

From the "Our Work" tab on the Home page of the WELCA web site.

These are the big picture items for which your offerings are used. There are specific programs under each item mentioned above. They are successful programs, they are watched over and improved, they are part of WELCA's stewardship of the organization. I don't know about you, but I feel like I am a part of something big, wonderful, and helpful in God's world. Then add to that all the marvelous local level quilting, knitting, crocheting, stuffing care kits or Christmas stockings, mentoring children, and all the other projects you

successfully accomplish through your circles and women's groups. It is a wonderful picture, a wonderful ministry. Do you feel it too?

THE INVITATION:

For Active Member Units*

You are invited to: 1) increase your participation in regular offerings (increasing over last year) AND, 2) increase participation in SWO/WELCA activities. Examples: increase attendance at SWO Convention over last year; use *Gather* Magazine for Bible Study (this would be all participants personally subscribing to *Gather*).

If you desire, we will send a representative from SWO to one of your meetings to talk about the SWO today and to help you focus on programs or activities specific to your group.

When you achieve the two objectives outlined above, the SWO will sponsor **one** scholarship for the upcoming Convention (full registration fee), to be awarded at a meeting of your group prior to the Convention, with pictures, and an article in *The Joyful News*. You will also receive a full set (Book + DVD + Study Guide) to *One Thousand Gifts: A Dare to Live Fully Right Where You Are*, to be used by your women's group(s).

For Non-active Member Units*

Join us by becoming an active member unit, to facilitate sustained growth of this strong organization built by our foremothers. Help us continue the work they started—there is still much to do and *you are needed*.

The SWO President will come to your church to provide a presentation and talk with your group. She will explain the organization, as it is today, and walk you through the process of becoming an active member unit. We would also assist you as you complete the process.

When you achieve the objective of becoming a new and active member*, the SWO will sponsor **two** scholarships for "first-time attendees" to the 2016 SWO Convention. The award will be presented at a meeting of your group prior to the Convention, with pictures, and an article about your group in *The Joyful News*. You will also receive a full set (Book + DVD + Study Guide) to *One Thousand Gifts: A Dare to Live Fully Right Where You Are*, to be used by your women's group(s).

The timeframe for this event will be from the April, 2015 Convention and run until March 15, 2016.

Administration of THE INVITATION

Register to participate in this invitation in two ways: on the SWO Website ([HTTP://DWYERCL2.WIX.COM/WELCA-METRODCSYNOD](http://DWYERCL2.WIX.COM/WELCA-METRODCSYNOD))

OR by phone with Kathy Meier (703) 881-3333.

The SWO Treasurer, Cheryl Dwyer, will keep a record of offerings. All monetary offerings must be sent to the SWO Treasurer, using Form A as outlined in the *Stewardship Guide*, published in the July/August 2014 issue of the *Interchange*. Download both the *Interchange* issue and Form A from the churchwide WELCA site at <http://www.womenoftheelca.org/stewardship-resources-pages-94.php>.

Advance registration for the April 16th Convention will be required on or before March 15th, using either on-line or paper form registration. Your list of increased activities may be sent to the Treasurer, Cheryl Dwyer, 8500 Oak Chase Circle, Fairfax Station, VA 22039 or via email at DWYERCL2@VERIZON.NET.

With regard to the 2016 Convention increase in attendees, we will provide a place on the registration form for the Convention for those participating in "THE INVITATION."

Once you register to participate in "THE INVITATION," we will send you an outline of the steps to follow to submit your results.

Your Sister in Christ,
Kathy Meier
President, Metro DC SWO

*** An "Active Unit" is defined as one where the women have committed themselves to:**

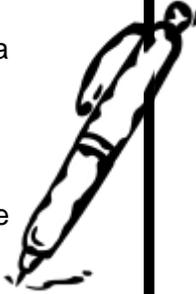
- a. come together for study, support, and action;
- b. participate in the ministry of Women of the ELCA beyond the congregation;
- c. support financially the total program of Women of the ELCA; and
- d. designate leadership that shall be in communication with the synodical and churchwide women's organization.





Mark Your Calendar!

- August 22 **SWO Board Meeting**
First Trinity, Washington, DC
- November 7 **SWO Board Meeting**
Good Shepherd, Alexandria
- January 9 **SWO Board Meeting**
St. Mark's, Springfield
- March 5 **SWO Board Meeting**
New Jerusalem, Lovettsville
- April 16 **SWO Spring Convention**
[TBD]
- June 11 **SWO Board Meeting**
Peace, Alexandria
- July 13-16, 2017 **Triennial Gathering 2017**
Minneapolis, Minnesota



Upcoming
Human Trafficking Events
(see page 11 for specifics on each)

- September 9, 1:30 PM – 3:30 PM
“Just Ask VA – End Teen Sex Trafficking”
Fairfax County Gov’t Center
- September 19, 8:45 AM – 12:00 NOON
“Good News about Shame: Healing the Emotion Wound of Trauma”
Annandale United Methodist Church
- September 24 (6:30 PM) – 26 (5:00 PM)
“NOVA Justice Summit – Ending Human Trafficking in NOVA and Beyond”
Capital Church, Vienna, VA

SAVE THE DATE FOR THE **METRO DC SWO SPRING CONVENTION!**

Be sure to save the date of **Saturday, April 16, 2016**.
Details will be forthcoming in the December issue of *The Joyful News*.

Please contact Kathy Meier at 703-881-3333 or kathleenmeier@comcast.net or Marcia Ihnen at 703-979-5570 or mcihnen@aol.com if you are interested in joining the Convention Planning Committee or would like information about hosting the convention.

WE NEED YOUR INPUT AND SUGGESTIONS FOR WORKSHOPS!!!

What topics would you like to discuss or learn more about? Is there a ‘hands-on’ program that you would like to delve into?

PLEASE SEND US YOUR THOUGHTS!



Purpose Statement...

As a community of women created in the image of God, called to discipleship in Jesus Christ, and empowered by the Holy Spirit, we commit ourselves to grow in faith, affirm our gifts, support one another in our callings, engage in ministry and action, and promote healing and wholeness in the church, the society, and the world.



Around the Synod...

The Alternative House Project

The Quilting and Prayer Shawl Ministries at Peace Lutheran Church (Alexandria, VA) have been especially active lately. In an attempt to broaden their outreach, the quilters and shawlers teamed up to help support young mothers and their babies in the Northern VA area. They have been busy creating quilts and hats for the teens and babies in the Assisting Young Mothers program at the Alternative House.

On behalf of the ministries, Anne Whitten (co-founder of the Prayer Shawl Ministry) applied for and received a mission grant from Thrivent Financial for supplies of yarn and material. Tracy Schall identified this deserving charity.



On June 26th, ten ladies gathered at Starbucks (their usual meeting location) to kick-off their baby knitting campaign. Other members were not able to be there in person but knitted that day wherever they were. Elaine Peoples and other quilters have also worked at home to make many baby quilts. There

is a lot of enthusiasm for this project due to the high-risk environments these young mothers have endured. The knitting and sewing will continue through the summer, with a contingent from Peace planning to deliver their hand-made items to the Alternative House in the fall. In the two weeks since the project started, 12 baby quilts and more than a dozen hats have been completed and are waiting to be delivered to the Assisting Young Mothers program. Many other knitted/crocheted items have been started, including



additional hats, a number of baby blankets, and at least one pair of booties.

Alternative House/The Abused and Homeless Children's Refuge in Fairfax County, VA provides support to at-risk children, youth, and families through counseling, shelter, crisis intervention, and neighborhood outreach. Alternative House serves as an umbrella organization that includes five critically important programs:

1. **Emergency Shelter for Teenagers** (one of the few in Northern Virginia) with a 24-hour crisis hotline as well as counseling and support services to teens experiencing a family crisis, homelessness, abuse or neglect.
2. The **Homeless Youth Initiative (HYI)** offers safe housing and other support to homeless Fairfax County high school students to allow them to complete their high school education.
3. **Assisting Young Mothers** provides safe housing, counseling, parenting support, educational and employment service to young mothers.
4. **Transitional Living Program** provides assistance with permanent housing, education and employment to homeless young people.
5. The **Community-Based Youth Services** offers mobile outreach to homeless and runaway youths on the street, including after school recreation, tutoring, food, and life skills education.

Half of the annual budget for Alternative House must be raised through in-kind donations or private funds. They need help getting the word out to the community for referrals and support. They offer monthly open-door information sessions to the public regarding their programs and services, issues facing homeless and at-risk youth, and tours of the Emergency Shelter for Teenagers. For more information, call 703-506-9191 or visit www.thealternativehouse.org.

Won't you join us?...

The Peace Lutheran Church quilters meet weekly and have produced hundreds of beautiful quilts for Lutheran World Relief, local homeless shelters, Annandale Christian Community for

Action (ACCA), and such. The prayer shawl ministry, organized in early 2007, meets weekly at a Starbucks location near the church. They knit or crochet shawls for those sick or grieving or in celebration of joyous occasions such as weddings and births. To date the ministry has given to people in need over 1,000 shawls, in addition to disaster washcloths, hats, scarves, bags, and such. Everyone is invited to join one or both of these groups. For more information, visit www.sharingpeace.org.



A busy Prayer Shawl group from Peace (Alexandria)
~ Karen Ager, Peace, Alexandria



Inquiring minds want to know...

PLEASE... would you give us the 'low-down' on activities at your church? Share with us what's new, what's working, what's going on there? We want to know!

The **Around the Synod** article on the Quilters and Prayer Shawl groups at Peace Lutheran in Alexandria, VA gives us an insight into their church life. We hope to highlight **YOUR** church in some of our forthcoming issues of *The Joyful News!*

Please contact Cheryl Dwyer to feature your church and your group. And **THANK YOU** to Karen Ager for her inspiring contribution to this issue.

SWO Human Trafficking Committee Update



On June 18, 2015, we had our first event hosted by Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Alexandria, VA. About twenty seniors, mainly women from the community, attended along with two officers from the Alexandria PD.

The Alexandria police officer who works with HT surprised us by claiming that Alexandria does not have a teen HT problem, just adult prostitution. However, the audience was engaged as the officer showed news clips and survivor testimony videos that addressed the problem in general within the USA.

Barbara O'Keefe and I addressed the "What can we do?" question. We were able to distribute fliers to the attendees and to stress the importance of raising awareness and of talking to their grandchildren, and, that by just attending the event, they had already started their education about HT.

One outcome: A recently retired health care professional and member of Good Shepherd asked for information/referral to become a volunteer to actually work with victims!

We are very grateful to Pastor Jen and Good Shepherd for hosting the event.

~ Wilma Dublin, Holy Trinity, Falls Church
Chairman, SWO Human Trafficking Committee

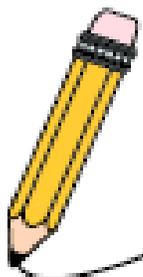


**NATIONAL HUMAN TRAFFICKING
RESOURCE CENTER HOTLINE
NUMBER: 888-373-7888**

CALL THIS NUMBER TO GET HELP,
REPORT A TIP, OR REQUEST SERVICES.

**** AVAILABLE 24/7 ****





ANTI-BULLYING YOUTH SURVEY...

Region 6 synods of Michigan and Ohio have teamed up to put together a survey to assess the level of bullying and victimization being experienced by our 13-19 year old Lutheran youth.

They have scheduled a press conference in late October in Michigan to release the findings of their report, and they need our help to make sure they have the strongest report possible.

Please have the youth in your congregations complete the survey and assist them in increasing the power of this advocacy work.

Thanks for your help!

<http://www.semi-welca.org/anti-bullying.html>

OUR "YAGM" REP IS HOME NOW...

Many of you may recall that in June of 2014, we helped to sponsor *Maddie Tallman*, a Young Adults in Global Mission (YAGM) volunteer from our Metro DC Synod, as she ventured to Argentina to fulfill her mission. We have been privileged to follow her adventures on her journey... in her own words, she had

... two 'placement sites' where I spend my days accompanying my new communities. One is my home and church, Santo Sacramento Lutheran Church, where I am also the Sunday school teacher. The other is El Arca Argentina, a home and workshop center for adults with mental disabilities. On a normal week, I spend most of Sunday with the church, and Monday - Thursday at El Arca."

If you haven't had a chance to follow her on her Argentine adventures, you can find her newsletters on our website at

EDITOR NEEDED...

Do you enjoy interacting with others? Do you like to get satisfaction from an experience? Do you wish to express yourself in words?

Then we have the perfect place for you... as editor of *The Joyful News*! Contact Cheryl Dwyer for all the details!



Have an article to submit for *The Joyful News*? Please email them to the editor, Cheryl Dwyer, at DWYERCL2@VERIZON.NET or send via snail-mail at:

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Bulletin Board

PROGRAM IDEAS AND RESOURCES

Gather's 2015-2016 Bible Study

VIEW GATHER ONLINE!

The back issues of *Gather* magazing for April, May, June, and July/August are available to view in digital form at the churwide WELCA site at <http://www.womenoftheelca.org/digital-gather-pages-132.php>.

SUMMER GATHER BIBLE STUDIES

In the summer of 2015, Emma Crossen, Women of the ELCA's former stewardship director, offers us a three-session study on giving.

"NO CATCHY SLOGANS"

- Session 1 Give in secret
- Session 2 Be like the widow
- Session 3 God loves a cheerful giver

UPCOMING GATHER BIBLE STUDIES

FALL: In the fall of 2015, Liv Larson Andrews, pastor of Salem Lutheran Church in the West Central neighborhood of Spokane, WA, brings us a three-session study on speed and slowness, examining how the Kingdom of God moves slowly, yet we are asked to move with ever greater speed. Liv lives with her spouse and young son and dreams of hosting the first ever lectionary-based cooking show.

"SLOW FAITH"

- Session 1 Sabbath Keeping
- Session 2 Make Haste O Lord
- Session 3 Tempo Giusto

In the winter of 2015–16, our four-session Bible study is an exploration of the book of Philippians, written by E. Louise Williams and the Rev. Phyllis N. Kersten, two regular contributors to *Gather* (and our former publication *Lutheran Woman Today*). Louise and Phyllis wrote the 1990 Women of the ELCA Bible study, "Companions on Your Journey." Phyllis, a retired pastor, lives in a suburb of Chicago, and Louise, executive director emerita of the Lutheran Deaconess Association, lives in Valparaiso, Ind.

"Philippians is a wonderful book," the authors write. "Paul had founded the Christian church in

Philippi a number of years before and now writes to encourage them. Even though he is imprisoned, Paul does not seem downcast or discouraged. On the contrary, he thinks his suffering might have positive results or the gospel's continued extension in the world."

"CHRISTIAN CITIZENSHIP 101"

Session 1 Confidence in God's Beginnings and Endings (Philippians 1:1-26)

Session 2 Servant-Shaped Soldiers (Philippians 1:27-2:18)

Session 3 Being of One Mind (Philippians 2:19-4:3)

Session 4 Keep On Keeping On (Philippians 4:4-23)



Scholarships!

The Women of the ELCA is offering scholarships to women who are members of the ELCA. The scholarship money will be awarded in four categories:

- to Lutheran laywomen studying for a career other than ordained ministry
- to women interested in pursuing additional education for administrative leadership
- for women in their final year at an ELCA seminary
- to women administrators and faculty at ELCA colleges and seminaries for participation in leadership training and management training institutes.

Additional information and downloadable forms for the 2016-2017 school year are available at <http://www.womenoftheelca.org/scholarships-pages-57.php>. The application period is **from December 15, 2015 through February 15, 2016.**



Grant Proposals

The Women of the ELCA grants program focuses funding toward projects and agencies dedicated to education and advocacy, empowering women and girls to lead healthier lives.

Women of the ELCA seeks proposals from not-for-profit organizations, both domestic and international, that support healing and wholeness for women of all ages through the affirmation and advancement of women's emotional, physical, and spiritual health.

A grant proposal must:

- meet a demonstrated health need of women in the community
- request funding for one year for objectives achievable within that year
- demonstrate the involvement of women in decision-making and evaluation;
- be consistent with the Women of the ELCA purpose statement

Online applications and downloadable PDF files will be available at on the WELCA website at <http://www.womenoftheelca.org/grants--pages-54.php>, through February 15, 2016. **Proposals will be accepted from December 15, 2015 through February 15, 2016.** Please see the website for complete information.



Café

Café is a magazine for young adult women who want to build their faith... check it out at <http://www.boldcafe.org/>.



Free E-Newsletter

View the latest issue of *Bold Connections*, the monthly e-newsletter that features the latest news and information about Women of the ELCA's programs and activities. *Bold Connections* is delivered via e-mail toward the end of the month.

Sign up at <http://www.womenoftheelca.org/bold-connections-pages-51.php>.

"Faithful Friends" Program

[More program information can be found on the churchwide WELCA website at <http://www.womenoftheelca.org/faithful-friends-pages-197.php>]

*"Faithful friends are a sturdy shelter;
whoever finds one has found a treasure.
Faithful friends are beyond price;
no amount can balance their worth.
Faithful friends are life-saving medicine;
and those who fear the Lord will find them."
(Ecclesiasticus 6:14 - 16)*

Sturdy shelter... Beyond price... Life-saving medicine...

Yes, that certainly describes the many faithful friends of Women of the ELCA.

"Faithful Friends" is an easy way for you (or your congregational unit or your synodical organization) to give monthly to Women of the ELCA by automatic withdrawal from your checking account or by automatic charge to your credit card.

The new "Faithful Friends" program supports the Women of the ELCA General Fund, which makes it possible for your churchwide organization to act quickly and flexibly in response to any need that may arise.

The prophet Isaiah tells us that God says, "I am about to do a new thing" (43:19a). And "Faithful Friends" is one way you can help Women of the ELCA be ready for whatever new thing God has in store.

To participate, simply download the form at <http://www.womenoftheelca.org/filebin/pdf/stewardship/FaithfulFriends.pdf>. Print the form, fill it in, and follow the instructions for mailing it in.

You can start your automatic monthly gift right away, and you can stop any time with just a phone call to Women of the ELCA, 773-380-2730, or by email at women.elca@elca.org.



Helping Kids Learn Stewardship...

[From *LIVING LUTHERAN*, *Lively Engagement in Faith & Life*, Blogs, 07/28/2015, by Laurel Hensel, <http://www.elca.org/en/Living-Lutheran/Blogs/2015/07/150728-Helping-kids-learn-stewardship>

Laurel Hensel is a member of [St. Luke's Lutheran Church](#) in Park Ridge, Ill. Her children are now young adults.]

As we head into fall, many congregations will be talking about stewardship – or at least the financial pledging part of stewardship. It's one thing to consider your response to God's goodness as an adult, but how do you talk with your children about this?

When my children were 13 and 10, their understanding of our weekly giving could be summarized by the reaction to our end-of-year giving statement from church. It reported that we actually gave more than we had pledged. To that my son said, "Does that mean we get a refund?"

I wanted my children to grow into the joy of giving, and I yearned to have enough faith to trust God to take care of us. Sometimes the best way to learn is to teach what you want to know. If I wanted to be a role model for my children, I needed to improve my understanding of stewardship. Here's what I learned:

- Stewardship is about gratitude, not guilt. God is a generous God and has blessed us richly, beyond anything we deserve. God expects us to be generous, too, through gifts of our time, ourselves and our possessions. Trust God completely, even if you think you won't have enough. To be a good steward, you must practice giving. To be generous, you must practice generosity.
- Stewardship is a response, not a reaction. The Holy Spirit moves us to give – not so that we can get something back. Through baptism God has already promised us eternal life. This I believe: Giving is a spiritual act. When we follow God wholeheartedly, we experience God's grace and freedom to live generously.
- Stewardship is about mission, not about budget. We give as a response to God's love, not because our congregation needs money. Together we can do so much more than we can do alone to further God's work in the world. God is moved not by the amount of our giving but the trust and love that the gifts symbolize.
- Stewardship is an act of worship. One of my stewardship mentors wrote, "On the day of worship, set aside an offering. If we give when we worship, we will give regularly. We cannot give what we have not received, but we can withhold what we have received." ("Generous People," Eugene Grimm, Abingdon Press, 1992).

Nobody said this would be easy. To promise to support God's ministry with our financial resources may take a little courage. Whenever we feel challenged to stretch and grow, remember this from Ephesians 3:20: "Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine," Ask God to ease your fear of giving and give you the courage to act.

As we learn how to steward everything God has given us, my prayer is that we do so with a grateful heart and a joyful spirit. At 10 years old, my daughter showed that she had truly caught on. She insisted her offering envelope get to church even when she couldn't. When I asked her why this was so important to her, she said, "Because it makes me feel good."

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EDITORS NOTE: Ladies, any thoughts or comments you'd like to share about this blog entry? Feel free to email me at DWYERCL2@VERIZON.NET if so...

Youth Gathering 2015 — WELCA's Booth

[A special thanks to Wilma Dublin (Holy Trinity, Falls Church) for the following information and photos from the Youth Gathering 2015...]

The booth of Women of the ELCA at the Youth Gathering 2015 highlighted Human Trafficking. Two of the posters at the booth are interesting to note:

SOCIAL MEDIA AND TRAFFICKING

Pimps use social media sites and apps to recruit victims.

Hope 17, was abducted by someone she met online and forced into prostitution. It all started when I posted that I hated my mother. [A] woman messaged me back telling me that I could go stay with her and will go partying. She showed up within 45 minutes. I was gone.....

Tony

Age when trafficked: 11

How: Befriended on downtown street.

Tony ran away from his abusive home. Within 48 hours he met a man who gave him food, clothes and a place to stay. He said he would treat him right. His new 'friend' advertised Tony on 'Back Page' and widely on the internet. Tony soon found himself being sold repeatedly for sex.

Tony now is a victim of sex trafficking.
'Trafficked Teens' is a project of NCSW
Chicago North Shore Section

*Here are some photos of the Gathering... **ASK YOUR YOUTH ABOUT IT!!!** The youth assembled the kits, wrote encouraging notes, and read the posters. The youth learned about HT through the important information on the posters, and they could ask the staff questions.*



Upcoming Human Trafficking Events

There are three informative events on Human Trafficking scheduled in September, 2015, in the Northern Virginia area. Each event approaches Human Trafficking from a different perspective, but all of them are a part of the spectrum of the impact of human trafficking on the individual and the community, and they give information on what we can do to protect those who are entrapped by this crime.

Please pass this along so anyone interested can have the information if he or she wishes to attend.

SEPTEMBER 9, 1:30 - 3:30 PM **"JUST ASK VA - END TEEN SEX TRAFFICKING"**

Hosted by: Faith Communities in Action

Location: Fairfax County Government Center, 12000 Government Center Parkway, Conference Center Rooms 2 & 3, Fairfax, VA.

To Register by E-mail: NCSInterfaith@fairfaxcounty.gov or

Phone: [703-324-3453](tel:703-324-3453)

This meeting is presented by the Faith Communities in Action network to educate faith leaders and Houses of Worship on the dangers of teen sex trafficking in Northern Virginia. Expert speakers will provide information and resources to help protect our area's youth.

SEPTEMBER 19, 8:45 AM - 12:00 PM **"GOOD NEWS ABOUT SHAME: HEALING THE EMOTIONAL WOUND OF TRAUMA"**

Hosted by: Annandale UMC Anti-Human Trafficking Task Force and Restoration Ministries Location: Annandale UMC, 6935 Columbia Pike, Annandale, VA 22003

Registration: \$50 (all proceeds to go toward services for sex trafficking survivors)

To Register by E-mail: ministeringtosurvivors.bpt.me

Guest speaker Curt Thompson, MD (author of *Anatomy of the Soul*, www.beingknown.com) is a psychiatrist in private practice in Falls Church, VA. He will present information on the hurts and challenges faced by victims of human trafficking. A good opportunity for anyone interested in learning and understanding the emotional and mental state of the victim.

SEPTEMBER 24-26 **"NOVA JUSTICE SUMMIT - ENDING HUMAN TRAFFICKING IN NOVA AND BEYOND"**

Hosted by: NOVA Human Trafficking Initiative (NOVAHTI)

Location: Capital Church, 10233 Leesburg Pike, Vienna, VA 22182

Registration: Costs depend upon times/activities you attend. To attend the entire event (Thursday 6:30 PM - Saturday 5:00 PM) cost is \$45 for Early Birds, or \$55 at the door.

Register on line: www.novahtijusticesummit.com

This weekend summit features expert speakers, faith leaders, praise bands, and community representatives to pray, discuss and mobilize people and churches to become involved in protecting children and adults from human trafficking. There will be vendor tables with resources. In addition to attending the summit, the NOVAHTI committee is looking for partners who can help with expenses, advertising and volunteers. More information is available at their website at www.novahtijusticesummit.com.