

# Ecumenical Conference on Human Trafficking Multiple Perspectives to Addressing this Complex Issue

September 29 to October 1, 2008

Church Center for the United Nations

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*“...that all may have life, and have it abundantly.”* John 10:10

*“In faith, responding to our Creator, we celebrate the full humanity of each woman, man, and child, all created in the divine image as individuals of infinite worth, by working for. . . Abolition of forced labor, human trafficking, and the exploitation of children . . .”*

*A Social Creed for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century*

<http://www.nccusa.org/news/ga2007.socialcreed.html>

This ecumenical conference will be an opportunity for faith based leaders to explore best practices and new approaches for working together to end human trafficking. We will gather resource people from diverse fields – including both religious and secular organizations. We will consider education, legislative, recovery and social work approaches. We will address the complexities of human trafficking through a multi-lens approach that takes serious the web of oppression including race, economics and gender. Our time together will include worship, resource panels, small group discussions as well as site visits to organizations working with victims and survivors of human trafficking. We will conclude with a strategy session to develop ways of supporting current best practices and to create new strategies of working together. Daily worship at the conference will be the first step in building an ecumenical worship resource kit to be available on the National Council of Churches website prior to January 11<sup>th</sup> – Human Trafficking Awareness Day.

## Conference Details – Ecumenical Conference on Human Trafficking

Start Time: Monday, September 29, 2008 at 12:30 pm

Finish Time: Wednesday, October 1, 2008, at 12:30 pm  
(Evening times will be unscheduled)

Location: Church Center for the United Nations, 777 United Nations Plaza, New York, NY 10017

Registration Fee: \$80 includes continental breakfast and lunch on Tuesday and Wednesday, and local transportation costs to and from site visits by subway.

Registration fee does not cover housing. A list of housing options is provided for participants to make their own arrangements.

Directions to Church Center for the United Nations from local airports, train stations and housing are available upon request from [atiemeyer@nccusa.org](mailto:atiemeyer@nccusa.org). Bag lunch provided on Wednesday to assist with departures at 12:30 pm.

Who Should Attend: Faith leaders (denominational staff and volunteers) interested in addressing the issues of Human Trafficking. Basic knowledge of topic is helpful but not essential as introductory information will be presented in formats useful for participants in other contexts. Panel discussions will draw resource people from a variety of disciplines. Participants should be committed to sharing ideas, resources and strategies with their own member communion as well as working together ecumenically.

Scholarship Support: Limited scholarship funds are available for young women participants (ages 18 to 30) to ensure development of cross generational support and strategies. To get further information, contact Ann Tiemeyer – NCC Program Director for Women’s Ministries at [atiemeyer@nccusa.org](mailto:atiemeyer@nccusa.org).

Potential Resource Organizations: UN GIFT (Global Initiative to Fight Human Trafficking), ECPAT (End Child Prostitution, Pornography and Trafficking), Cherish Our Children, Church Women United, Break the Chains, Salvation Army, NOW-NYC, Safe Horizon, The Door, New York Asian Women’s Center . . .

Registration Deadline: **September 15, 2008**

Registration forms can be emailed to [atiemeyer@nccusa.org](mailto:atiemeyer@nccusa.org) or fax to 212-870-3112 (with registration fee to follow by mail) or mailed to Rev. Ann Tiemeyer, 475 Riverside Drive, Room 812, New York, NY, 10115.

For Further Information Contact: Rev. Ann Tiemeyer, Program Director for Women’s Ministries  
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475 Riverside Drive, Room 812, New York, NY 10115  
(212) 870-3407 desk number or [atiemeyer@nccusa.org](mailto:atiemeyer@nccusa.org)

**REGISTRATION FORM FOUND ON FINAL PAGE MUST BE RETURNED BY SEPTEMBER 15, 2008**

## CHURCH CENTER FOR THE UNITED NATIONS



Conference will begin at 12:30 pm on September 29<sup>th</sup> in the chapel on the first floor of the Church Center for the United Nations, 777 United Nations Plz., New York, NY 10017. Emergency messages for participants at the conference can be left at 212-682-3633 between 9 am and 5 pm at the office of the United Methodist Seminar Program on National and International Affairs.

## RESOURCE INFORMATION FROM YOUR ORGANIZATION

A resource table will be available at the conferences for you or your organization to share information with others. If you are unable to attend, but wish to have resources made available at the conference, please send 40 copies of your materials to:

Rev. Ann Tiemeyer  
Program Director for Women's Ministries, NCC  
475 Riverside Drive, Room 812  
New York, NY 10115

## ECUMENICAL WORSHIP RESOURCE KIT

Daily worship at the conference will be the first step in building an ecumenical worship resource kit to be available on the National Council of Churches website – [www.nccusa.org](http://www.nccusa.org). All participants are invited to bring worship materials to share with Rev. Ann Tiemeyer, NCC Program Director of Women's Ministries. We are seeking prayers, reflections, sermons, litanies, hymns and other materials that can assist faith communities in addressing the issues of Human Trafficking during worship.

If you are unable to attend the conference and have worship resource you would like considered, please email to [atiemeyer@nccusa.org](mailto:atiemeyer@nccusa.org). Authors will be listed with all material used, unless they indicated their desire to be listed as anonymous. By sending your material to the National Council of Churches, you give permission for us to publish the material on our website.

Materials will be available on the website ([www.nccusa.org](http://www.nccusa.org)) in time for use during the **Advent Season** as well as on **Sunday, January 11, 2009 – Human Trafficking Awareness Day**.

## HOUSING ACCOMMODATIONS

Participants are responsible for making their own housing arrangements. New York offers a wide range of accommodation options for travelers, and the following list outlines a few of the options used by partners at the National Council of Churches and United Nations. We have tried to show the relative cost of each listing with the least expensive options first. Please note that accommodations marked with an \* are on the west side of Manhattan, which is further away from the meeting venue.

If you are traveling alone and would like to share accommodations with another conference participant, email Ann Tiemeyer ([amtiemeyer@nccusa.org](mailto:amtiemeyer@nccusa.org)) and she will exchange contact information of participants interested in sharing accommodations. It will however still be each individual's responsibility to securing arrangements.

### **\$ Seafarer's International House**

(212) 677-4800 or <http://www.sihnyc.org/newyork-guesthouse.php>

"Our 84-room guesthouse is located at the corner of East 15th Street and Irving Place in Manhattan, one short block away from Union Square Park. Our Nordgren Chapel is home to Christ Lutheran Church, and guests are always welcome to join the congregation in Sunday worship."

### **\$ Vanderbilt YMCA**

(212) 752-0210 or <http://www.ymcanyc.org/index.php?id=1140>

"Nestled on Manhattan's fashionable East Side, the Vanderbilt YMCA offers surprisingly low rates for its guest accommodations, while providing each guest with some of the finest fitness facilities New York City has to offer. Our courteous, multilingual staff can point you in the direction of the many points of interest within walking distance."

### **\$ Ye Olde Carlton Arms Hotel**

(212) 679-0680 or <http://www.carltonarms.com/>

"The Carlton Arms Art Project started in the late 1980's when a small group of creative people decided to paint the rooms of – what was at the time – a dark shelter. Today, every one of the 54 rooms and 4 hallways are painted or decorated by artists from around the world."

### **\$ Alma Mathews House \***

(212) 691-5931 or <http://gbgm-umc.org/umw/amh/aboutus.html>

"Dedicated to Christian hospitality, Alma Mathews House, located in Greenwich Village of lower Manhattan, is a first-class, inexpensive option for visitors from non-profit organizations looking for a place to stay or meet in New York City."

***NOTE:** If rooms are not available when directly contacting Alma Mathews House, please call Ann Tiemeyer at NCC (212-870-3407). Ann has reserved a small block of rooms that will be released on a first come basis.*

### **\$ Landmark Guest Rooms \***

(212) 280-1313 or <http://www.utsnyc.edu/NETCOMMUNITY/Page.aspx?pid=520&srcid=519>

“While most of our guests choose the Seminary’s Landmark Guest Rooms because we are conveniently located across the street from many religious and educational institutions, we welcome additional guests and provide accommodations whenever possible.”

### **\$ West Side YMCA \***

(212) 875-4100 or <http://www.ymcanyc.org/index.php?id=1134>

“Located just off Central Park West and steps from Lincoln Center, our Guest Rooms offer single and double rooms that provide a home away from home for nearly 40,000 international and domestic travelers each year.”

### **\$\$ Pod Hotel**

(800) 742-5945 or <http://www.thepodhotel.com/>

“High style and high tech converge at the Pod Hotel, which offers hip, convenient accommodations for the stylish and spend thrifty traveler. Formerly the Pickwick Arms, the hotel is located in the heart of New York City’s Midtown East neighborhood.”

### **\$\$ Radisson**

(212) 755-4400 or [http://www.radisson.com/newyorkny\\_lexington](http://www.radisson.com/newyorkny_lexington)

“Located in the heart of Manhattan’s fashionable East Side, the Radisson Lexington Hotel New York offers ultimate convenience and exceptional service. Guests at our Manhattan hotel have instant access to world-class cuisine, a popular dance club and a top-notch athletic facility. The Radisson Lexington Hotel features 705 newly renovated hotel rooms and suites, all tastefully decorated and supremely comfortable.”

### **\$\$ Hotel Bedford**

(800) 221-6881 or [www.bedfordhotel.com](http://www.bedfordhotel.com)

“The Bedford Hotel offers fashionable and convenient lodging accommodations. Enjoy the charm and attentive service of a small European hotel in the heart of midtown Manhattan, New York with a friendly staff to attend to your every need.”

### **\$\$ Hotel Thirty Thirty**

(800) 804-4480 or [www.thirtythirty.com](http://www.thirtythirty.com)

“Our hotel offers the comfort and convenience of a European-style hotel at an affordable price. For your next business or leisure visit to New York City, the one hotel address worth talking about is Hotel Thirty Thirty.”

### **\$\$ Desmond Tutu Center \***

1-887-4TUTUNY or [www.ahl-tutucenter.com](http://www.ahl-tutucenter.com)

“Located on the campus of the General Theological Seminary in New York’s historic Chelsea neighborhood, the center is conveniently located in the city. This innovative Center combines charming 19th-century Gothic architecture with sophisticated 21st-century comforts. Beautifully restored historic guest accommodations and a park-like setting create a refreshing retreat in the heart of the city.”

**\$\$\$ [Millennium U.N. Hotel](#)**

(212) 758-1234 or <http://www.millenniumhotels.com/millenniumunplazanewyork/index.html>

“We are a quiet haven, located 28 stories above the avenues, on the fashionable East Side of midtown Manhattan and feature phenomenal views of both the East River and the New York City skyline! The hotel is a convenient address for all your needs. We are located directly across from the United Nations Headquarters.”

**\$\$\$ [New York Helmsley](#)**

(800) 221-4982 or <http://www.newyorkhelmsley.com/>

“From the moment you step through the front door, you will immediately notice the attention to detail that the Helmsley name is synonymous with. From the classic marble lobby, to the warm and spacious guest rooms, you will be impressed with all the service and amenities that our guests have come to expect from a Helmsley Hotel.”

NOTE: An additional list of hotels across town in the Time Square and the theater district is available upon request from Rev. Ann Tiemeyer at the National Council of Churches at [atiemeyer@nccusa.org](mailto:atiemeyer@nccusa.org) or call (212) 870-3407.

# Registration Form – Ecumenical Conference on Human Trafficking

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Member Communion or Faith Traditions (if any): \_\_\_\_\_

Because the conference will provide four meals do you have any dietary restrictions? Because the conference will make site visits to organizations providing transportation by subway do you have any physical limitations the conference planners should be aware of?

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Housing arrangements are the individual responsibility of each participant. A list of options has been provided and you are encouraged to make arrangements right away.

The following questions are for information only – please check all responses that apply to you:

- I am local to New York City and will be staying at home
- I am from outside the New York City and will be staying with friends
- I am from outside the New York City and will be arranging housing from the housing list
- I will be traveling to New York City by airplane
- I will be traveling to New York City by train
- I will be traveling to New York City by car
- I will be present for only a portion of the conference, please specify when you will participate:

PLEASE NOTE: participation in the entire conference is highly recommended, however if you know you will not be present the entire conference we would like to know to plan appropriately. The evening times on both days are unscheduled for you to use as desired, we will finish around 5 pm each day. Lunch on Wednesday will be a bag lunch so those who need to depart for travel and other work will be free to do so at 12:30 pm.

- Member of Justice for Women Working Group and will stay for Wednesday afternoon meeting
- Member of Justice for Women Working Group but cannot stay for Wednesday meeting

**RETURN FORM by September 15, 2008:** Ann Tiemeyer, NCC Program Director of Women’s Ministries  
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