National Philoptochos Society
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HUMAN TRAFFICKING AWARENESS AND ACTION COMMITTEE

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Mission Statement:

The mission of this committee is to educate and develop awareness of the multi-faceted problem of human trafficking and to encourage action by assisting and forming partnerships with national and local agencies that assist victims of human trafficking.

Since our last National Board Meeting in March 2019, the Human Trafficking Awareness and Action Committee, which includes National Board Members from each of our nine Metropolises, has been working diligently developing a further understanding of the multi-faceted problem of human trafficking and determining ways our Chapters and Members can take action in dealing with this critical issue. Each of these Board Members is highly motivated and concerned about this critical issue and hopes to make a difference in helping victims of human trafficking. To this end, we have held Conference Calls on regular basis, working, sharing and discussing the following:

- Researching agencies, programs and information, within each state, throughout all of our Metropolises that provide assistance to victims of human trafficking;
- Sharing additional books and reading materials on the topic and what can be done;
- Attending Presentations and Seminars - Members within the Committee have discussed and highlighted Presentations, Programs and/or Activities which have recently occurred and/or are being done within each Metropolis;
- Members have been making Presentations at our various Metropolis Clergy/Laity/Philoptochos Conferences or Metropolis Meetings regarding the work that our Human Trafficking Committee is doing.

Next Actions to be taken:

- With the assistance of the National Philoptochos Office, Development and Information Officer, we have determined that developing a Resource Guide may be the most effective manner in which we can disseminate all of the information that we have collected.
- Our Human Trafficking Resource Guide will include three sections: (1) Awareness (i.e., important information about the critical issue of human trafficking); (2) Actions that Chapters and Members can take in assisting agencies that work with human trafficking victims on a national, metropolis and local level; and (3) Resources - Books, Articles, Videos, Hotline & Governmental Agencies.