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## **Trafficking in Humans**

Human trafficking in Canada has been identified as a common concern among several of the Canadian Council of Churches' member churches, including The United Church of Canada. Human trafficking, according to the United Nations definition, involves recruiting, moving, harbouring, or receiving a person, using force or other coercive means, for the purpose of exploitation, including sexual or labour exploitation.

There are large numbers of missing Aboriginal women in Canada. "Stop Trafficking! Anti-Human Trafficking Newsletter" (November 2010) indicates that American Indian and Aboriginal Canadian women and girls are disproportionately targeted by traffickers and lured into prostitution. As well, women from Hong Kong, Korea, and other Asian countries are forcibly taken to Canada through the United States. Because they don't stay long (usually their visa is visitor status), it is difficult for Canadian police to identify the cases and numbers.

The United Church of Canada joins with other denominations in upholding God's vision of human dignity defended and deplors the situation of human trafficking.