

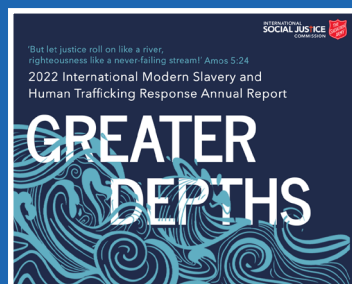
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Thoughts on the Indigenous Forum from the Desk of the Directors

"There are an estimated 476 million indigenous peoples in the world, living across 90 countries. They speak an overwhelming majority of the world's estimated 7,000 languages and represent 5,000 different cultures." – **United Nations Academic Impact "Building Resilient Communities through Indigenous Consultation"**

Increasingly, the Global Community is recognising that Indigenous Peoples around the world have a significant voice and contribution to make when we are talking about the future of the planet and sustainable ecology.

"As Earth's original stewards, the lives of Indigenous peoples are rooted in sustainable development processes. From the early trade relations between Indigenous peoples in what is now Canada and the Hudson Bay Company, to the Yanomami peoples of the Amazon using forest plants to manufacture their own farming and fishing equipment, Indigenous peoples have always had savvy ways of producing while respecting their resources." – United Nations Academic Impact "Sustainability Inherent to Indigenous Political Ecology"

Often, when we think of Indigenous Peoples the topics of land ownership, migration, forced displacement, residential schools, autonomous governance structures come to mind; and these are all important discussions which deserve attention and resolution. However, a body of work is emerging into mainstream consideration which looks at the interconnectedness of people with the environments they inhabit.

There are lessons to be learned from ancient cultures which not only survived the harshest of climates but succeeded in thriving while making a significant contribution to a sustainable ecology.

"Political ecology is a practice combining politics, economics and social factors, to create space for an intersectional approach that better serves people's socio-economic needs while nurturing the natural environment." – **United Nations Academic Impact "Sustainability Inherent to Indigenous Political Ecology"**

That sentence has a breadth and depth that requires some thought and reflection and we encourage you to dig deeper for yourself. Go to the original discussion papers housed on the UN webpage but also seek out resources that reflect your local context and issues. <https://www.un.org/isotope/59098/10919>

Dates for your Calendar

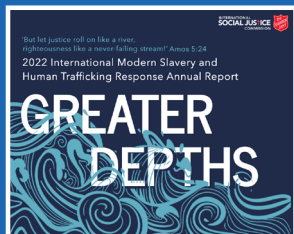
United Nations High-level Political Forum on Sustainable Development
July 10-14

World Day Against Trafficking in Persons
July 30

International Day of the World's Indigenous Peoples
August 9

International Day of Peace
September 21

Featured Resources



We must shift our existing economic debate away from historic arguments to a new paradigm of thinking that includes people and social impact. We must recognise our responsibility to be stewards of the planet and not just consumers of its resources.

God, as creator, preserver, and governor of all things, has called us into relationship and partnership with him to ensure that everyone and everything may flourish.



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ISJC and the United Nations UN Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues

From April 17-28, 2023, the UN Indigenous Forum brought together Indigenous peoples and representatives from various parts of the world to engage in discussions and share their perspectives on matters impacting their communities. This year's theme was "Indigenous Peoples, human health, planetary and territorial health and climate change: a rights-based approach".



UN Water Conference



From March 22-24, 2023, the UN Water Conference brought together experts, policymakers, and stakeholders from various parts of the world to engage in discussions and share their knowledge and experiences on water-related issues. The conference aimed to promote sustainable

and equitable management of water resources, and to address the challenges of water scarcity, pollution, and climate change.

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We continue to pursue this love by advocating for justice and human dignity to the voiceless.

Consider the ways in which you can contribute to creating a more Christ-like world:

Donate

Donate money or goods to local shelters

Volunteer

Volunteer in your community

Advocate

Educate others on social justice issues or start initiatives in your own corps

Pray

Engage in prayer for those experiencing injustice

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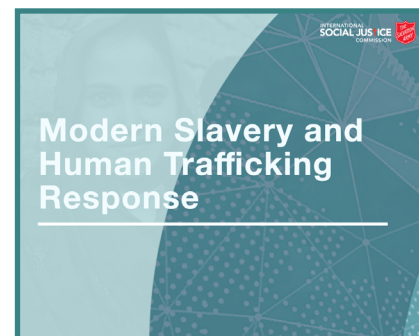


This quarter the 2022 International Modern Slavery and Human Trafficking Response Annual Report “Greater Depths” was launched. In 2021, 50 million people were living in modern slavery globally. This report highlights the ongoing efforts by The Salvation Army to respond to the prevalence of modern slavery and human trafficking around the world.

Read it here: tinyurl.com/SAMSHTRGreaterDepths

Modern Slavery and Human Trafficking Webpage

In conjunction with the launch of this year’s annual report, a new webpage has launched which will act as a hub for those wanting more information on The Salvation Army’s Modern Slavery and Human Trafficking Response. This webpage outlines the core values, frameworks, and reports associated with The Salvation Army’s Modern Slavery and Human Trafficking Response around the world. Check it out: <https://www.salvationarmy.org/isjc/MSHTR>



Research/Resource Highlight

Where There’s A Need



The Salvation Army has long been committed to serving others, wherever there is a need. The Sustainable Development Goals are based on a shared vision of what world leaders want the world to be like in the future – a future that is secure, sustainable, and based on equality of all peoples both between nations and within nations. The fact that world leaders agreed on a set of Sustainable Development Goals reflecting values that The Salvation Army has promoted for 150 years is something to be welcomed – especially as it can result in positive

change for the poorest and most vulnerable people. “Where There is A Need” highlights The Salvation Army’s relationship with these goals and continues to be updated.

Read it here: https://salvationarmy.org/isjc/where_there_s_a_need

Things to Pray For



May the voices amplified through the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues, resonate far & wide, reaching those in the highest offices. We ask that policymakers recognize the wisdom of Indigenous voices in shaping policy, & that their contributions are fully honoured.



We pray for an end to modern slavery & human trafficking. Bring freedom to those trapped in systems of exploitation & strength to those in the fight against it. Help us be agents of change, working to protect the vulnerable & create a world where every person is valued.



We pray for the mission of the Sustainable Development Goals. May we, as a global community, work towards ending poverty, protecting the planet, & ensuring prosperity for all. Help us be good stewards of your creation & act with wisdom & compassion towards others.



We pray the discussions from the UN Water Conference will lead to effective & sustainable solutions to promote access to clean water & sanitation for all. Bless the attendees & grant them the determination to make a positive impact in the world.