

WEEK 2: PROMOTING PEACE THROUGH ADVOCACY

READ	PRAY	LEARN	GIVE	DO	GO
<p>James 1:27 says, "Religion that is pure and undefiled before God is this: to care for the orphans and widows in distress."</p> <p>Add a dime every day this week for each person in your household who recites it correctly.</p>	<p>Pray for freedom, justice, hope, peace, and healing for the victims of abuse. Pray for their freedom and restoration. Pray for our first responders and trauma counselors who support the victims of child abuse through such tragedies. Pray that the Church may find its role in ending child abuse. May we be on the forefront of eliminating child abuse and raise up leaders who seek to confront it in all arenas.</p>	<p>A CSEC study shows that child sex trafficking is an annual 810 million dollar industry. There are 3000-7000 victims annually and 90% of these victims are U.S. children and teens.</p> <p>Recruitment has been shown at nearly every high school and many junior highs in San Diego. If you see anything suspicious, call the national hotline: 888-373-7888.</p> <p>For more information, visit: www.abolishhumantrafficking.com</p>	<p>Give your time by volunteering at a local shelter that houses victims of abuse and trafficking.</p> <p>Give your money through gift cards (Target & ToysRUs) for the children in shelters with their abused moms.</p> <p>Give your professional skills to these shelters.</p> <p>For info on any of the above, contact the church office or email: Michelle Shoemaker: mshoemak@pointloma.edu</p>	<p>Take out your phone...and add the National Human Trafficking Hotline to your contacts so you can call it if you see anything suspicious or have any questions: 888-373-7888.</p> <p>Add a dime for every person in your household who adds this number to their phone (or for anyone you encourage to do so!)</p>	<p>Go to a Churches Against Trafficking meeting. This is an organization that consists of a network of inter-denominational churches that meet every other month on the third Thursday at Mission Church of the Nazarene. All are welcome. The purpose is to network with Christians around this issue of child abuse and sex trafficking and to be a resource to the various victims' shelters in San Diego.</p> <p>Go to: churchesagainstrafficking.com</p>

annette's story:

"It came to my attention that children in the foster care system experience constant upheaval and inconsistency. The role of the CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocate) is largely to be a consistent influence.

This consistency leads to a higher rate of university attendance and completion just by experiencing the care of a CASA.

We are the eyes and ears for the child and have their best interest at heart. It has been lovely sitting with my foster child. I know that healing is taking place even in our silence."

- Annette Jones, First Church Member & School Psychologist

