

# *Symposium on Missional Engagements with Human Trafficking*

## *With Four of America's Leading Experts*

*June 21, 2013 – American Society of Missiology (ASM) – at Wheaton College*

*Title: Demand Reduction - Working to Stop Trafficking in Persons at its Source*

**Laura Lederer** is a pioneer in the work to stop human trafficking. She is a legal scholar and former Senior Advisor on Trafficking in Persons in the Office for Democracy and Global Affairs of the U.S. Department of State. She has been an activist against human trafficking, prostitution, pornography, and hate speech. She is the founder of The Protection Project, a legal research institute at Johns Hopkins University devoted to combatting trafficking in persons. She is President of Global Centurion, an NGO dedicated to fighting world slavery by focusing on demand, and is adjunct professor of law at Georgetown Law Center where she taught the first full course on international trafficking in persons taught at a law school. She has published widely on the topic, and has spoken at over 500 governmental, intergovernmental and non-governmental events. For her work, she has won numerous awards – such as the Distinguished Service Award from the US State Department in 2009.

*Title: Missional Engagement with Trafficking Issues and Victims*

**Beth Grant** is Associate Professor of Intercultural Studies at Assemblies of God Theological Seminary. While serving in India, she and her husband co-founded and continue to co-direct Project Rescue, a ministry to survivors of sex trafficking. As a steering committee member of the Faith Alliance Against Slavery and Trafficking, Dr. Grant developed and co-edited *Hands that Heal*, an international curriculum to train caregivers of trafficking survivors. She has served as chairperson for The Network for Women in Ministry for the U.S. Assemblies of God (AG) since 1999. In 2009 she became the first woman elected to the Executive Presbytery of the national AG USA.

*Title: Empowering and Walking Beside Modern Day Slaves Until They Achieve Freedom*

**Hilary Chester** PhD directs the Anti-Trafficking Services Program of the US Conference of Catholic Bishops; which provides training and program development to assist social service agencies, NGOs, governments, and other stakeholders build efficient and effective response systems to combat all forms of human trafficking, especially child trafficking, in their communities. Dr. Chester has provided training to frontline federal border agents, in Texas, on interviewing and screening child migrants to identify victims and youth at risk of human trafficking, and has implemented a program in Malaysia to combat gender-based violence among refugees in Kuala Lumpur. Prior to joining USCCB/MRS, she was the Program Coordinator for Catholic Charities of San Antonio's Anti-Human Trafficking program. She was Chair of the South Texas Coalition Against Human Trafficking/Slavery and the local DOJ funded Anti-Human Trafficking Task Force. She was elected Chair of the Texas Consortium of Refugee Providers, and a member of the Texas Refugee Child Welfare Task Force. She received her doctorate in Anthropology from Southern Methodist University.

*Title: Where is the Frontline? Best Practices for Churches to Combat Modern Day Slavery by Partnering with Civil Society Actors at Local, State, and Federal Levels.*

**Sandie Morgan** is Director of Vanguard University's Global Center for Women and Justice, and serves on the Faith Alliance against Slavery and Trafficking Coordinating Committee. She began her anti-trafficking work in Athens, Greece where she served on the Board of the Athens International Nurses Association, and subsequently served as the Administrator of the Orange County Human Trafficking Task Force. In addition to teaching in the university, she organizes conferences and training workshops and helps provide human trafficking training for community professionals including healthcare providers, law enforcement, teachers, and social workers.

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