

We Are the New Abolitionists:
an Education and Action Event to End Human Trafficking
Sunday, January 24, 2016 – 12:15PM
At Plymouth Church: 75 Hicks Street, Brooklyn, NY 11201

I am organizing **We Are the New Abolitionists: an Education and Action Event to Prevent Human Trafficking** hosted by **Plymouth Church**, located in **Brooklyn Heights**. We focus on ending modern-day slavery — trafficking in all its guises — in our own community, here in Brooklyn and New York City. We partner with [Sanctuary For Families](#), [ECPAT-USA](#) (End Child Prostitution and Trafficking) and [Restore](#), giving both financial support and hands-on volunteer hours. This event will be opening to the public, with specific invitations directed to other organizations. *Please let me know if you or members from your organization would like to attend.*

The particulars are Sunday, January 24, at 12:15PM, directly following our 11AM worship service which you are most welcome to attend. We have invited Brooklyn DA Ken Thompson to give opening remarks. Following there will be a light lunch and education/volunteer fair in our Fellowship Hall. Members of Restore, ECPAT-USA, Sanctuary For Families, Plymouth's own Underground Thrift Shop and other organizations will be on hand. The brilliant theater company [Girl Be Heard](#) will end our event with a performance of TRAFFICKED, "A can't miss production" (Ebony Magazine).

Plymouth Church since its foundation in 1847 has always taken a strong and active stand against slavery in all its forms, and for social justice for all. Our first pastor was Henry Ward Beecher, called the "Most Famous Man in America" during his time at Plymouth for the crowds he drew to his anti-slavery events. His sister was Harriet Beecher Stowe. The church was referred to as "Grand Central Station" on the Underground Railroad, and funded abolitionists across the country. Plymouth has remained active in social justice campaigns. In example, Martin Luther King preached an early version of his "I Have a Dream" speech at Plymouth Church. More recently, I've helped organize a sold-out roundtable discussion on anti-trafficking at the Brooklyn Historical Society chaired by Loretta Lynch, and a fund-raising concert for Free The Slaves featuring the Grammy-award winners, The Impressions. Plymouth Church is a member of the [New York State Anti-Trafficking Coalition](#).

Please ask me any questions you may have about this event, Plymouth Church, and our Anti-Trafficking Ministry. ("Ministry" here is used to describe our social justice initiatives, led by members of our congregation.)

Cordially,

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