

## NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL SERVICE AND MISSIONS

# Human Rights Awareness

### What is HRA?

- Human Rights Awareness is a new coalition formed out of the Agapé Center that combines four human rights groups on campus to shed light on the many human rights abuses in the world and do something about them.

### What does HRA do?

- HRA holds weekly meetings to **educate** students about issues of human rights abuses, **connect** these to our Christian faith, and provide **opportunities** for action locally and internationally to alleviate these abuses
- HRA also sponsors films and alternate chapels on campus to provide other mediums of education to the students, faculty and staff of Messiah College

### Amnesty International

“Amnesty is a worldwide campaign for human rights, including physical and mental integrity, freedom of conscience and expression, and freedom from discrimination.”

#### What is the focus of Amnesty at Messiah?

- Government Corruption
- Fair Trade
- Political Persecution

### Children’s Issues

“Compassion International is a child sponsorship organization that advocates for children, releasing them from spiritual, economic, social and physical poverty in Jesus’ name.”

#### What is the focus of Children’s Issues at Messiah?

- Child Survival (through Compassion International)
- Child Soldiers (through Invisible Children)

### HRA in the Past...

- Candlelight Vigils
- Valentine’s Day Bake Sale
- Bowling Lock-in fund raiser for Darfur
- Rummage Sale for IJM
- World AIDS Day Demonstration
- Letter writing to Congresspeople
- Invisible Children screenings

"SEEK JUSTICE,  
RESCUE THE  
OPPRESSED,  
DEFEND THE  
ORPHAN, AND PLEAD  
FOR THE WIDOW."  
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### HRA This Year...

- Justice Tour w/ Derek Webb and Sarah Groves
- Compassion Café
- Operation Christmas Child
- Alternate Chapels
- HRA Film Festival
- Human Rights Awareness Week
- World AIDS Day

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### How can I get involved?

- Attend meetings to educate yourself about human rights abuses in the world
- Earn chapel credit by coming to alternate chapels about human rights concerns
- Watch films about human rights issues
- Act locally through HRA

### How much commitment is required?

- Minimal commitment is required for those wishing to become educated only: chapels, movies, and weekly meetings are all optional and open to the entire Messiah community
- There will be many opportunities throughout the year for involvement in fundraisers and awareness events

### International Justice Mission

“International Justice Mission is a human rights agency that rescues victims of violence, sexual exploitation, slavery, and oppression.”

#### What is the focus of IJM at Messiah?

- Human Slavery
- Sex Trafficking

### World Diseases

“Blood:Water Mission seeks to reduce the impact of the African HIV/AIDS pandemic, to promote clean blood and water, and to build equitable, sustainable community links.”

“Acting on AIDS is a World Vision program creating awareness & promoting activism on the global AIDS pandemic at colleges . . . across the nation.”

#### What is the focus of World

#### Diseases at Messiah?

- HIV/AIDS
- Malaria