**Our time to address child labour and modern slavery**

**The Problem**

**What Canada Can Do**

A critical step in addressing child labour and modern slavery is for businesses to publicly report on what they are doing to address these issues. Reporting encourages better practices and helps hold companies accountable. Most businesses are not reporting on this now.

We want Canadian legislation that will require large companies to publically report on efforts to prevent child and forced labour in their global supply chains. The U.K. has such legislation and it is working. It’s time for Canada to take this important step in the larger effort to support child labourers.

See ***Taking Action Against Child Labour and Modern Slavery in Global Supply Chains***

[**http://nochildforsale.ca/resource/child-labour-today/**](http://nochildforsale.ca/resource/child-labour-today/)

An estimated 168 million children work as child labourers around the world, “work that deprives children of their childhood, their potential and their dignity, and that is harmful to physical and mental development.”[[1]](#endnote-1)

We are connected to these children. World Vision’s research shows there are more than 1,200 companies operating in Canada that import goods at high risk of being produced by child labourers.[[2]](#endnote-2)

**The Opportunity**

As the Church in Canada, we have a timely moment to address this injustice. The Government of Canada is considering Canada’s response to child labour and modern slavery. It is critical that our leaders know that Canadians want a just and fair response that considers the wellbeing of children and their families.

World Vision is asking people of faith from across the country to take a moment and raise their voices in solidarity with the millions of child labourers who need our Christian support. Together, we can take a step toward the goal of “life in all its fullness” for every child.

**Three ways your church members can engage**

1. **Sign and share the No Child For Sale petition**

This [online petition](http://nochildforsale.ca/) goes to Government of Canada leaders, letting them know that Canadians want companies to address child labour and modern slavery in global supply chains.

1. **Consider child labour and how we can respond**

Use the study tips on our [Church Resources page](http://nochildforsale.ca/church-resources/) for sermons, discussion groups or prayer points. You’ll also find announcements, videos and social media assets ready-to-use.

1. **Take a church action, Sunday, June 11**

June 12 is the *World Day Against Child Labour*. Come up with a symbolic action at your church and post it online, using the hashtag *#NoChildForSale*. Follow *WorldVisionCan* on Facebook or Twitter for more ideas.

**Where to start**

We’ve placed everything you need at <http://nochildforsale.ca/church-resources/> . Here you’ll find copy for church announcements and posts, ideas for June 11, sermon supports, and more.

1. International Labour Organization: <<http://ilo.org/ipec/facts/lang--en/index.htm>> [↑](#endnote-ref-1)
2. Supply Chain Risk Report: Child and forced labour in Canadian consumer products: <[http://nochildforsale.ca/wp-content/uploads/2016/06/Child-and-forced-labour-report\_jun-08.pdf#](http://nochildforsale.ca/wp-content/uploads/2016/06/Child-and-forced-labour-report_jun-08.pdf)> [↑](#endnote-ref-2)