



UNANIMA International as a coalition of 17 orders of women religious marked the one year anniversary of launching our **STOP THE DEMAND campaign: Trafficking of women and children for the sex trade and forced labor.** We are trying to change the world by focusing on the consumer (men), and by educating people about the basic human rights of women.

1. Evaluating **Phase I** is in process; we are gathering feedback from all our constituents to see how we are doing with the material packets and with the “interventions” at the UN. The material packets were used in a great variety of ways. In many places the awareness led to concrete actions locally as well as pressuring governments to enforce legislation already in place, e.g. Australia and Canada
2. UNANIMA staff made numerous interventions while collaborating with other NGO’s on this issue. Most recently Sr. Catherine Ferguson SNJM presented UNANIMA’s position on March 3 at the UN Commission on the Status of Women. All of us board members attended one of these sessions entitled ‘**Gender Perspectives of the Financial Crisis**’. *It was a great way to learn how UNANIMA works!*
3. **Phase II of STOP THE DEMAND** has begun focusing on assisting **youth** to bring awareness at colleges and universities through their newsletters and chaplaincy programs.
4. The UNANIMA board will be carrying out a consultation regarding concerns to be reflected in UNANIMA’s work at the UN, as well as **looking for potential delegates** to be active in upcoming UN sessions. If you are interested to be briefed by UNANIMA staff and wish to participate as a delegate in one of the many sessions, please call Sylvia for details and a calendar of commission topics. This would be a 2 week experience of learning and working together to further UNANIMA’s mission. (Reasonable lodging is available at Leo House in Manhattan.)
5. The Board of Directors approved a **second major focus** for UNANIMA International related to the welfare of the planet: **UNANIMA International affirms that Access to clean water is the right of all life forms on the planet.**
6. During the next 3 – 5 years we will carry out the following actions relative to this focus among our constituents throughout the world and based on the spirituality of the **Earth Charter**: advocacy at the United Nations, nationally and locally, education, dissemination of resources/materials, networking, and consciousness-raising.

Would you like to use a Materials Packet (on STOP THE DEMAND) for your parish or civic community? OR if you did use it, Was it helpful? Sylvia is the temporary Sion rep inviting your feedback obrigsylv@yahoo.ca
To order materials check UNANIMA website below.

As Sion, we are always reflecting/pondering on how we uniquely respond to these issues. In what way does our charism call us to contribute to these actions for justice by being members of the UNANIMA coalition? Please share your insights with us. obrigsylv@yahoo.ca