

# The University of Dayton

## Fair Trade Resolution

*Every human being, man, woman, boy and girl, is made in God's image. God is the love and freedom that is given in interpersonal relationships, and every human being is a free person destined to live for the good of others in equality and fraternity. Every person, and all people, are equal and must be accorded the same freedom and the same dignity. Any discriminatory relationship that does not respect the fundamental conviction that others are equal is a crime, and frequently an aberrant crime.*

*Therefore, we declare on each and every one of our creeds that modern slavery, in terms of human trafficking, forced labor and prostitution, and organ trafficking, is a crime against humanity. Its victims are from all walks of life, but are most frequently among the poorest and most vulnerable of our brothers and sisters. On behalf of all of them, our communities of faith are called to reject, without exception, any systematic deprivation of individual freedom for the purposes of personal or commercial exploitation; in their name, we make this declaration.*

— Pope Francis, Declaration on International Day for the Abolition of Slavery, Dec. 2, 2014

### WHEREAS

- What we choose to purchase, eat, and drink impacts farmers, workers, artisans and the environment;
- Many conventional means of commodity production foster social injustice and exploitation and are not environmentally sustainable;
- Fair Trade ensures fair wages, safe working conditions, and environmental sustainability, and prohibits forced labor of any kind;
- Many campus groups around the country and the world already support Fair Trade;
- The University of Dayton, as a Catholic, Marianist Institution, fully supports Pope Francis' call to make personal and communal decisions that give witness to our love of God and God's creation and an integral ecology that considers the social, economic and ecological impacts together (Laudato Si);
- The University of Dayton, as a large-scale employer and consumer and leader in international education, fully endorses the international community's calls to "Promote sustained, inclusive and sustainable economic growth, full and productive employment and decent work for all" and to "Ensure sustainable consumption and productive patterns" as evidenced by the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals (SDG 8 & 12) and

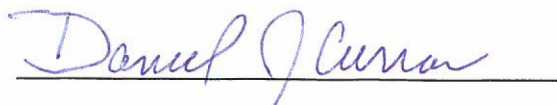
sees supporting fair, ethical, and sustainable sourcing as an effective way to put these principles into practice;

- The University of Dayton already demonstrates a commitment to ethical and sustainable procurement by sourcing locally-produced food and other items;
- By becoming a Fair Trade University, the University of Dayton will more effectively educate the campus community about Fair Trade, and ethical and sustainable consumption;
- By becoming a Fair Trade University, the University of Dayton will inspire other institutions and organizations to support Fair Trade and become more ethical and sustainable consumers themselves;
- By becoming a Fair Trade University, the University of Dayton will further demonstrate its long-standing commitment as a leader in sustainability and social justice issues;

## BE IT RESOLVED:

That the University of Dayton will dedicate itself to be a Fair Trade University and to more ethical and sustainable sourcing practices by committing to the following:

- 1. Dining facilities:** The University will work with its food service providers to make Fair Trade, locally-produced, and other ethically and sustainably sourced products available in its dining facilities, consistent with the terms of food service contracts and where the resulting costs do not significantly jeopardize board rate costs.
- 2. Catered events:** The University will work with its food service providers to make Fair Trade products available at catered meetings hosted by the school, consistent with the terms of the food service contract.
- 3. Offices:** The University will work with its food service providers and/or office suppliers to make Fair Trade products available for administrative and faculty offices whenever possible and consistent with the terms of existing contracts.
- 4. Stores:** The University will include Fair Trade food products, apparel and handicrafts (such as jewelry, and other gift items) in campus stores whenever possible and subject to the terms of vendor contracts.
- 5. Education:** The University will support students, staff, and faculty working to increase on-campus awareness of Fair Trade and other ethical and sustainable consumption practices through events, the incorporation into curricula, and other efforts.
- 6. Procurement:** The University commits itself to exploring the incorporation of Fair Trade and other ethical and sustainable procurement into current purchasing practices and policies. This process will begin within six months after the ratification of this document.
- 7. Acknowledgment:** The University will identify and promote Fair Trade products at campus functions and stores with appropriate signage or information.
- 8. Implementation:** The University, in consultation with the University Working Group on Fair and Ethical Sourcing will oversee the implementation of the above commitments.



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