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As we reach the end of this outstanding report which provides an overview of the ministry of thousands of Sisters and their many collaborators, we must ask ourselves what is it that we are being called to BE and to DO? Each person who reads this report is potentially a leader in the struggle to rid the world of the scourge of human trafficking. Transformative leaders articulate a vision that sustains themselves and others when facing difficult challenges. They know that tackling human trafficking requires sustained action and resilience of mind and heart. Every level and aspect of society needs to be challenged so that people can live with dignity and avoid being open to the temptation of empty promises that draw them into webs of entanglement and exploitation. Transformative leaders focus on the dignity and respect due to every person and on the need for relationships, systems and structures that do not oppress others but instead lead to growth, development and human flourishing.

Talitha Kum presents such a vision in their Call to Action. The members of Talitha Kum want to channel their experience of the suffering and exploitation endured by millions, so that they can inform decision-makers at every level. The vision of a worldwide network of spirituality and action based on the key principles - Care, Heal, Empower and Restore – calls each of us to reflect on how we live these values and how they call us to practical action. We are reminded in the Report that the voices of those who suffer must be listened to and heard so that they play a part in determining the radical steps needed to bring about fundamental change.

Finally, echoing the words of Pope Francis, Talitha Kum seeks to promote partnerships and collaboration to face this global phenomenon. Pope Francis says that in order to eliminate human trafficking “we need a mobilization comparable in size to that of the phenomenon itself.”¹ He urges us not to turn away from the sufferings of our brothers and sisters who are being deprived of their freedom and dignity. Instead, we must have the courage “to touch the

¹ 2015 Message for the World Day of Prayer for Peace.

suffering flesh of Christ, revealed in the faces of these countless person's whom Jesus calls 'the least of these my brothers and sisters'." (Mt:25: 40,45). What then is it that we are called to BE and to DO? Through our global solidarity and fraternal action, we can create new horizons of hope where our sustained passion and moral vision will help to transform our global landscape, so that all can have lives of profound dignity and respect.