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### NATFATIP MOURNS LOSS OF REV. DR. MARGARET FOWLER

**Monday, August 26, 2019** – The National Task Force Against Trafficking in Persons (NATFATIP) is saddened by the death of Reverend Dr. Margaret Fowler. Rev. Fowler, who was a distinguished Minister of Religion, Social Worker and Researcher passed away on August 26, 2019.

Trained as a Social Worker, Rev. Fowler studied at the United Theological College of the West Indies (UTCWI), graduated in 1993 and received her Doctor of Ministry degree in 2009. She was awarded two academic prizes for her study titled, “Human Trafficking, a Modern Day Challenge for the Church.”

Rev. Dr. Fowler served as the Chairperson of the Protection Subcommittee of NATFATIP between 2015 and 2019. During this period, she continued to work assiduously, researching issues relating to human trafficking and spearheading the drafting of a Victims’ Protection Protocol. She was resolute in lobbying for the protection of victims, particularly, women and children who are amongst the most vulnerable to Human Trafficking.

Rev. Fowler made a significant contribution to raising awareness about human trafficking, especially among faith-based organisations. In 2018, she received the NATFATIP Chairman’s award for outstanding contribution to Jamaica’s anti-trafficking agenda. Her commitment to Jamaica’s fight against Trafficking in Persons was unparalleled and she remained committed and concerned about human trafficking and NATFATIP even to the end.

As we celebrate the life of Rev. Dr. Fowler, the National Task Force Against Trafficking in Persons joins the family in mourning a departed Trafficking in Persons heroine, who made a sterling contribution in the fight against Human Trafficking in Jamaica. NATFATIP extends condolences to the family and friends of Reverend Dr. Margaret Fowler.

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