



NFSJ Café #31

Supporting Minorities in Japan – Reflecting on the 25 Years of the Bazaar Café

Located in the heart of Kyoto, «Bazaar Cafe» is a wonderful place that boasts stylish ethnic lunches. At first glance, it looks like an ordinary café, but in fact, it has been operated to support people with various difficulties, such as shut-ins, addicts, sexual minorities, and migrant women. We welcome Ms. Martha Mensendiek, who has been involved with this cafe since its establishment and has been supporting mainly migrant women for many years at Kyoto YWCA and other organizations.

Since the 1980s, female survivors who have continued to live in Japan despite being victims of human trafficking and domestic violence are now facing new challenges due to the aging of the population. Martha, also a member of the Solidarity Network with Migrants Japan (SMJ) with whom NFSJ has been working with in the Japan Network Against Trafficking in Persons (JNATIP), will share her most important message to Japanese society. Please join us.

«Date & Time»

**November 8, 2023 (Wed.)
19:30~21:00**

«Place» Online (Zoom)

«Language» **Mainly English**
(Japanese can also be used in Q&A.)

«Admission» **Free**

***Please make a reservation**

«Reservation»

Use the link below (or the QR Code) to fill in the reservation form. We will send the Zoom link to your email address 2 hours prior to the event.
<https://forms.gle/tcwc4v47iYZifWmx5>



«Guest Speaker»

Ms. Martha Mensendiek
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Representative of “Bazaar Café”



Born in New York, raised in Sendai Japan. Graduated from Earlham College, and Master of Social Work from University of Hawaii, School of Social Work. Past work experience include caseworker at HELP Shelter in Tokyo, Kyoto YWCA, and Interagency for Immigrant Services, in Honolulu Hawaii.

Research interests include International Social Work, social work practice with immigrant communities, culturally anchored social work practice, domestic violence, substance abuse, human trafficking and community organizing.

Sponsored by Not For Sale Japan, which works on issues of human trafficking and modern slavery, NFSJ Café is a casual learning experience where interested participants and NFSJ staff talk about a theme or watch a film over a cup of tea. Please feel free to join us.

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