



IDEAS & INFORMATION FOR ANGLICAN CATHEDRALS AND CHURCHES



Gender-based violence is a sin. Preventing and ending violence is the work of everyone, men, women, girls and boys. Together we can be a living witness to our Christian belief that all people are equally made in God's image. We are God's daughters and sons, equally precious, equally loved.

The annual **16 DAYS OF ACTIVISM AGAINST GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE** give us an opportunity to pray, break the silence, challenge harmful attitudes and behaviours, and engage women and men in taking action to prevent and end gender-based violence.

The **16 Days of Activism** run from 25 November (International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women) to 10 December (International Human Rights Day). Details on the International Anglican Women's Network website <http://iawn.anglicancommunion.org> and the 16 Days website <https://16dayscwg.rutgers.edu/>.

So how can we get involved?

Hold a Service for the 16 Days of Activism



These liturgies may be useful:

- 'Praying for an End to Violence Against Women', from the Liturgical Commission of the Anglican Church of Australia <http://bit.ly/2vpydPj>.
- A liturgy created by Jane Stranz for the World Council of Churches <http://bit.ly/2NYCgK6>.
- 'Liturgy of Healing from Abuse for Women' from the Liturgical Commission of the Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand & Polynesia <http://bit.ly/2G2sTom>.

Put on an Exhibition



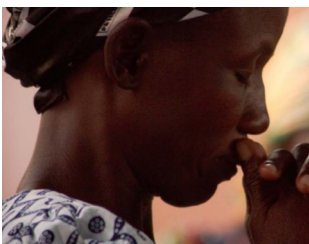
An exhibition will raise awareness of the facts of gender-based violence.

Seek out facts about local issues. Information is also available on-line, for example, at:

<http://bit.ly/2LHbBEM>; <http://www.who.int/news-room/fact-sheets/detail/violence-against-women>; <http://bit.ly/2LYKLY2>; <http://bit.ly/2OApTEZ> (English) <http://bit.ly/2AtxwKq> (French); <https://uni.cf/2M5VbIK> (child marriage); <http://bit.ly/2LS0Kr8> (violence against women and HIV); <http://iawn.anglicancommunion.org/resources/human-trafficking.aspx> (human trafficking).

Remember, men and boys can be victims of gender-based violence too.

Create a Prayer Space

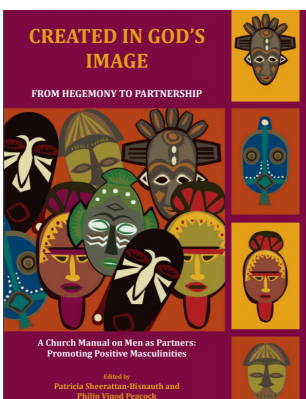


Create a quiet prayer space with resources for prayer and reflection on hand, such as these compiled by:

- the We Will Speak Out coalition: <http://bit.ly/2v4FIB4>
- the House of Sarah in Fiji <http://houseofsarah.org/resources/>
- the Mothers' Union <http://bit.ly/2OB8XhV>.

Have small cards with useful contact information and helpline numbers if available.

Run a Workshop



Run a workshop, perhaps for young people, or for men and boys.

- 'Created in God's Image: From Hegemony to Partnership' <http://bit.ly/2v75P5h> is a 'church manual on men as partners: promoting positive masculinities' from the World Council of Churches and the World Communion of Reformed Churches.
- Look at the 'One Man Can' toolkit developed by Sonke Gender Justice: in South Africa <http://bit.ly/2vqdM4Q>. The One Man Can Campaign supports men and boys to take action to end domestic and sexual violence, and to promote healthy, equitable relationships that men and women can enjoy - passionately, respectfully, fully.
- *Reveal* is a collection of tools put together by Tearfund for people working directly with local communities or churches. Among them are information sheets; activities for workshops such as "Why should we address violence against women and girls?"; Bible studies, and good practice guides specifically relating to gender <http://bit.ly/2LJZ5o6>.

Preach a Sermon, Lead a Bible Study



Preach a sermon, deliver an address, invite a speaker, lead a Bible study. Here are some useful resources:

- World Mission Council Bible Studies on Gender-based Violence, 'Life Abundant for All God's People': <http://bit.ly/2vqJI9g>.
- The We Will Speak Out coalition's Church Resource Manual on Sexual & Gender-based Violence: <http://bit.ly/2dJMe3s>. Also in Xhosa at <http://bit.ly/2dztamU>.
- 'Loving One Another', a biblical discussion toolkit on gender-based violence produced by the Scottish Episcopal Church and Christian Aid: <http://bit.ly/2mmwoPW>.
'Loving One Another' was based on resources developed by the Igreja Episcopal Anglicana do Brasil, see <http://bit.ly/2NYmz5w>.
- The Tamar Campaign's Contextual Bible Study Manual on Gender-based Violence: <http://bit.ly/2vdui99>.
- 'First Man Standing' Bible studies designed to help us explore what the Bible has to say about masculinity and relationships: <https://www.restoredrelationships.org/resources/info/138/>.



Show a Video



A video can bring new perspectives into a church service or workshop.

- Anglican men speak out in solidarity with women in this video for the 16 Days: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8OUjabyVJjk>.
- In this 60-second commercial shown on TV and in cinemas in Fiji, the Anglican Archbishop of Polynesia joins other church leaders to name gender-based violence as a sin: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ss02QxO_oIQ.
- At <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=W1U2JGJslg4>, Theresa Malila, a Tearfund 'Inspired Individual' and founder of 'Somebody Cares Malawi', describes the issues faced by communities in Malawi and speaks about her work to end sexual and gender-based violence.

Speak Out



Speak out. Make a public statement. Write a letter to a Government Minister. A Church leader can have a powerful impact on people's attitudes and beliefs. Our leadership is important, particularly on public policy issues such as funding and changes in criminal laws.

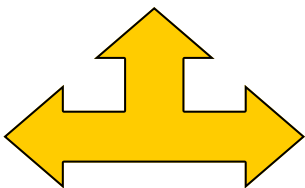
Read the 2011 Anglican Primates' Letter to the Churches on gender-based violence in English <http://bit.ly/2LXbwft>; French <http://bit.ly/2n6ubr6>; Spanish <http://bit.ly/2O672kb>; Swahili <http://bit.ly/2O42tXy>; and Portuguese <http://bit.ly/2MdxvN>.

Build Partnerships



Partner with existing resources if they are in place, including local sexual assault or domestic violence programmes. Organise a collection of useful goods or funds for a local project working with victims and survivors of gender-based violence. Offer meeting space for educational seminars, support groups and survivor networks.

Be a Resource



Prepare to be a resource.

The 'Ending Domestic Abuse Church Pack prepared by Restored is full of practical information that could be adapted to your context; in English, Spanish, French, Portuguese, Hindi, Swedish and Russian at <https://www.restoredrelationships.org/resources/info/51/>.

Be in touch with professionals in the fields of sexual assault, dating and domestic violence, stalking, human trafficking, female genital mutilation/cutting, to find out the most pressing issues in your context. Know about referral pathways where they exist.

Be a Safe Space



Ensure those who come into contact with your cathedral or church and its ministry know about your safe church/safeguarding policy and practice.

Be, and be known as, a safe place for all.