DOMESTIC & FAMILY VIOLENCE PORTFOLIO

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ANGLICAN MOTHERS UNION AUSTRALIA

ENCOURAGING FAMILIES THROUGH FAITH IN ACTION

3. Teaching to prevent violence: and to build Equality and respect

Commitment Three: Our church consistently teaches about equality, freedom from violence, respectful relationships and the honour / value of every person.

Ten Commitments for Prevention and Response to Domestic and Family Violence in the Anglican Church of Australia.

You are invited by the World Council of Churches to 'Be an ambassador in your words and actions for respect, security and justice for women and men, girls and boys.'

CELEBRATING 150 YEARS OF MOTHERS' UNION

Join Us, Join In! Lighting the way for Generations to Come

DID YOU KNOW?

One in three women has experienced physical or sexual violence.
More than eight out of ten girls have experienced street harassment before the age of 17.
Women and girls represent 70 percent of human trafficking victims
One in four children lives in a household with domestic violence
An estimated 246 million children experience school related violence each year *(Worldwide Council of Churches)*

Thursdays in Black

Thursdays in Black grew out of the WCC Decade of Churches in Solidarity with Women (1988-1998), in which stories of rape as a weapon of war, gender injustice, abuse, violence, and many related became much more visible. The campaign is simple but profound:

- Wear black on Thursdays.
- Wear a pin to declare you are part of the global movement resisting attitudes and practices that permit rape and violence.
- Show your respect for those who are resilient in the face of injustice and violence.
- Encourage others to join you.

(taken from WCC resources and webpage on Thursday in Black)

Other things you can do:

- Learn more: Thursdays in Black | World Council of Churches
- Undertake a Bible Study: https://www.oikoumene.org/resources/publications/thursdays-in-black-bible-studies-series-1

Often black has been used with negative racial connotations. In this campaign Black is used as a color of resistance and resilience.