

Faith-Based Efforts against Gender-based Violence and Domestic Abuse, and Men's Organisations

Preliminary list; Additions welcome
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Bahai

- Bahai International Community Statement: [Towards the Eradication of Violence Against Women and Girls](#)

Christian

- Hartford Seminary- Webinar: [What Faith Leaders Need to Know about Domestic Violence](#) (28 May 2020)
- World Council of Churches – [Gender-based violence and Covid-19](#)
- World Council of Churches – [Thursdays in Black](#)
 - “We all have a responsibility to speak out against violence, to ensure that women and men, boys and girls, are safe from rape and violence in homes, schools, work, streets – in all places in our societies.”
- World Council of Churches [Statement on the dual pandemics of Covid-19 and sexual and gender-based violence](#)
- United Methodist Women: [Domestic Violence Awareness](#)
 - “Domestic violence is not just a women's issue. It is an issue of faith. **United Methodist Women** and **United Methodist Men** have partnered to launch a domestic violence initiative to raise awareness and provide training in United Methodist congregations.”
- YWCA (World Young Women's Christian Association) – [Domestic and Sexual Violence Services](#)
 - “We are the largest network of domestic and sexual violence service providers in the nation. More than 150 YWCAs across 44 states provide gender-based violence services. Every year, in communities big and small, YWCAs get up and do the work of providing safe and secure housing, crisis hotlines, counseling, court assistance, and other community and safety programs to more than 535,000 women, children and families.”
- [VAWnet.org](#)

Jewish

- [National Alliance to End Domestic Abuse](#)
 - “The National Alliance to End Domestic Abuse is an online training network for professionals in the domestic violence and sexual assault prevention and response field.”

- [Jewish Women International](#) (JWI) is the leading Jewish organization working to empower women and girls by ensuring and protecting their safety, health, rights, and economic security; promoting and celebrating inter-generational leadership; and inspiring civic participation and community engagement.
- [VAWnet.org - Judaism](#)

Muslim

- [North American Islamic Shelter for the Abused](#)
 - Rooted in Islamic values, NISA strives to create a more just community in which people of all cultures and beliefs can participate. Our primary goal is to reduce the incidents of domestic violence and achieve domestic harmony among families through collaborative efforts with the community and other established organizations. NISA does not discriminate. We provide services to all who seek our assistance.
- [Stop family violence now!](#)
 - Family violence is a global issue that affects everyone. **Project Sakinah** is an initiative of [Dar al Islam](#). It is an effort to stimulate awareness and action in the Muslim community to **WAKE UP** to the reality of the harm being done to our families, to learn to **SPEAK UP** in order to break the silence that surrounds the issue, and to **TEAM UP** with others to work to change our condition.
- [Texas Muslim Women's Foundation](#) offers a full continuum of services to serve and support victims of family violence and their families from all backgrounds, with a special ability to understand and address the needs of the Muslim population. Our 24-Hour Family Violence Hotline (972-880-4192) and Peaceful Oasis Emergency Shelter provide women in crisis safe places to seek help and refuge. Our caseworkers then work alongside each family to develop a plan for their long-term safety and self-sufficiency.
- [Invoking Justice \(film\)](#)
 - Synopsis: Fed up with male dominated Jamaats (Councils), where they cannot represent themselves, Muslim women in South India set up their own council in 2004. The Women's Jamaat guides, arbitrates and decides on matters related to family law. Invoking Justice tells the complex story of the inspired challenge posed by the Women's Jamaat to a corrupt judicial system. The film follows Jamaat members as they investigate cases and negotiate with families, male Jamaats and the police with skill, tenacity and the courage of convictions grounded equally in faith and in a secular idea of justice.
 - [Trailer](#)
 - [Interview with filmmaker Deepa Dhanraj](#)
- [VAWnet.org - Islam](#)

Indigenous Peoples (North America)

- Native women are reported missing or murdered [10 times the average rate](#). Native communities have advocated for more media coverage such as creating social media campaigns with the hashtag #AmINext and protesting with red painted on their faces and

addresses to symbolize the blood of unsolved murder cases of indigenous women. Because of the high murder rate, almost every person has a personal story to share about knowing a niece, mother, sister, or a granddaughter disappearing. Because some police departments have failed and refused to properly investigate cases, indigenous communities have started doing the [job](#). They've created a database of murder and missing cases from Canada and the United States.

- [Break the Silence- Indigenous Communities](#)
- A global song
 - As the tragedy of missing and murdered indigenous women becomes more visible, more people are demanding effective action—even on a global scale. “I strongly believe in international solidarity against sexual abuse and violence,” said Yuzicappi. “The more voices and support for indigenous women is incredible!” For Lyons, it is important to act together and as equals: “Do it together, side by side. No one is leading, no one is following. We go as the oneness of humanity. You have to take down the walls that separate us.” Yuzicappi closes with a message of support to those most affected, the families: “I want to honor your loved one’s legacy! My prayer to you is love, hope and good health. You are not alone—you are supported. Your loved one’s story is a song.”
- [Call for Justice and United Action](#)

Sikh

- [Sikh Women](#)
 - We are an advocate organization comprising of [men](#) and women who believe in [social](#) change by harnessing the principles of [Sikhism](#). We welcome all those who realize that we are all created [equal](#) irrespective of any discriminating factors, without [exception](#).

Interfaith/Multi-faith

- The [Interfaith Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violence](#) is composed of 38 national faith organizations that come together to advocate for national legislation and public policies that protect all people from domestic and sexual violence, with particular concern for women and families. As a national coalition representing millions of congregants and constituents from diverse religious communities, our moral, religious and ethical commitments guide our work in ending violence against women. Recognizing that domestic violence survivors often turn to their religious leaders and houses of worship for support, guidance and refuge during times of abuse, Jewish Women International convened the first-of-its-kind Interfaith Domestic Violence Coalition in 2007 to unite the collective energies and visions of faith communities to advance federal domestic violence legislation. Today, the Coalition also works to advocate for legislation that addresses sexual violence, international violence against women, funding for anti-gender based violence programs, and a variety of other issues.
- [Interfaith Forum on Domestic Violence](#)

- Ms Harrison said the forum provided the opportunity to develop relationships between religious communities and agencies working with domestic and family violence to increase their capacity to address and prevent violence.
- [Declaration for the Dignity and Human Rights of Women](#)
- [International Declaration of Religious and Spiritual Leaders and Advocates to End Sexual Violence](#)
- *Religions for Peace*: [Restoring Dignity Toolkit for Religious Communities to End Violence Against Women](#)
- Temple of Understanding's Women's Initiative: [Rape and Domestic Violence](#)
 - We are conscious of rape as a tool of war, whether in armed conflict or in civic life, and of the roles of both men and women in changing the culture of rape. Domestic violence and other forms of abuse hinder women from reaching their full potential. Religious institutions have a role in saying "NO!" to violence towards women as a major step towards achieving peace and empowering women.
- Artist Steve Connell's intense and poetic [video](#) on why domestic violence is a men's issue
- [VAWnet.org – Interfaith Resources](#)

Men's Organizations

- [Men Engage Alliance](#)
 - We are a global alliance made up of dozens of country networks spread across many regions of the world, hundreds of non-governmental organizations, as well as UN partners. MenEngage members work collectively and individually toward advancing gender justice, human rights and social justice to achieve a world in which all can enjoy healthy, fulfilling and equitable relationships and their full potential. Through our country-level and regional networks, MenEngage seeks to provide a collective voice on the need to engage men and boys in gender equality, to build and improve the field of practice around engaging men in achieving gender justice, and advocating before policymakers at the local, national, regional and international levels.
 - [Meaningfully engaging boys and young men](#) through gender transformative approaches is critical for promoting the rights of girls and young women and people with diverse sexual orientations and gender identities. Working with boys and young men from an early age has the potential for transformative change, as has been envisioned by the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the SDGs. This means providing boys and young men the space to reflect on and redefine "what it means to be a man", to challenge how power operates between genders, and reconstruct it for the benefit of all. By examining the unique challenges and opportunities presented by the COVID-19 pandemic in the lives of young people, this webinar served to build momentum, knowledge, and power to support deeper and more meaningful engagement and leadership of young people in gender justice.
- [Men Stopping Violence](#) is a 37- year-old organization that focuses on ending gender-based violence by educating and organizing men in a call to action to be a part of the solution. Through our partnership with men, we are building knowledge on the issue, continuously

building an understanding of the subject as it continues to evolve, lead critical societal conversations and create change agents of the participants in our program.

- Professionally staffed help Line for those engaging in abuse: 404-270-9894
- [HeForShe](#)
 - HeForShe champions are world leaders committed to gender equality. They have made bold commitments driving for gender parity by 2020 moving us towards a gender equal world. The world is at a turning point. People everywhere understand and support the idea of gender equality. They know it's not just a women's issue, it's a human rights issue. HeForShe is an invitation for men and people of all genders to stand in solidarity with women to create a bold, visible and united force for gender equality. The men of HeForShe aren't on the sidelines. They're working with women and with each other to build businesses, raise families, and give back to their communities.
- ['Gentle'men Against Domestic Violence'](#) unite to spread awareness Florida, USA
- [White Ribbon Canada](#)
 - Since 1991 men have worn white ribbons as a pledge to never commit, condone or remain silent about violence against women and girls.
 - [White Ribbon Campaign in Namibia](#)/ 'Thursdays in Black' uses video and radio to reach rural areas.
 - [White Ribbon Australia](#) – works with the government, focuses on primary prevention strategies such as policy, public information, education, programs in workplaces.