

10 Things *You* Can Do to Stop Sexual Violence

All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation. —2 Corinthians 5:18

As followers of Christ, we honor and celebrate the image of God in all people. As Presbyterians, we are called to open spaces in our hearts, families, communities, and churches to promote healing and reconciliation for those most at risk and marginalized. As children of God, we recognize that remaining silent about sexual violence is no longer an option.

1. Join the PC(USA) movement: Speak Up! Stop Sexual Violence. Be counted among those Presbyterians who are engaged more deeply in God's work of reconciliation. Take part in World Mission's call to stop sexual violence in communities around the world including our own. Connect with the Facebook group (facebook.com/groups/1508457102736240), follow the Reconciliation blog (pcusa.org/blogs/reconciliation), or email Shannon Beck at shannon.beck@pcusa.org.
2. Engage with Guatemala's CEDEPCA program. Visit cedepca.us and learn how the program works with women to educate through theologically grounded perspectives on healthy relationships and alternatives to intimate partner violence. Use ECO number E051648 to support the program.
3. Support mission co-worker Christi Boyd as she accompanies and advocates for safer laws and healing for women in eastern Congo. Use ECO number E200314 to make a gift to Christi's sending and support costs.
4. Advocate for your congregation to prioritize Courageous Conversations, a PC(USA) call to stop sexual violence by preaching, teaching or holding a service of healing during the month of October. For more information and resources, visit pcusa.org/reconciliation.
5. Share the award-nominated documentary on preventing domestic violence, produced in partnership with Presbyterian Women, "I BELIEVE YOU." Find it here: divacommunications.com/programs/i-believe-you/.
6. Join a Mission Network that works on addressing root causes of violence against women and girls. If you are already involved in one, encourage them to think seriously about the situation for women in their country.
7. Resource your congregation with Presbyterians Against Domestic Violence Network (PADVN) materials: presbyterianmission.org/ministries/phewa/presbyterians-against-domestic-violence/.

8. Participate in Orange Days, a monthly day of witness and action to end violence against women and girls. For more information, visit pcusa.org/blogs/swords-plowshares/tags/orange%20day/.
9. Volunteer at a women's crisis center or safe house.
10. Educate yourself and your congregation with current facts on the situation for women around the world. Visit who.int/mediacentre/factsheets/fs239/en/ or un.org/en/women/endviolence/.

Shannon Beck is the reconciliation catalyst. Contact her at 800-728-7228 x5041 or via email at shannon.beck@pcusa.org. She is available to speak to your congregation or presbytery.

You may also consider making a gift to the reconciliation campaign. To support our mission personnel doing reconciliation campaign work, give to E200103. To support our global partners' work, give to E052145. Please include the code on the memo line of your check.

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