



16 DAYS OF ACTIVISM, 2019

THEME: GENERATION EQUALITY STANDS AGAINST RAPE

The International Anglican women's Network invites all Anglicans around the Communion to join in 16 Days of Activism to end gender-based violence in their communities and around the world. The yearly campaign begins on 25 November, which is the International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women. It will run until 10 December, Human Rights Day.

The year's theme, Generation Equality Stands Against Rape, is sponsored by the United Nations Commission on the Status of Women which the Anglican Communion participates in through supporting delegates to attend each year. In support of this theme of uniting against rape, we urge special attention to the many insidious ways in which rape violates the human dignity and respect to which every human being is entitled.

We also urge that activism condemn all forms of rape, sexual violence and abuse, which disproportionately affect women and girls. In times of war or violent conflict, women and girls are especially vulnerable. However, rape also occurs within local communities and within families and involves a culture of complicity, where others allow it to occur by looking the other way and not speaking out. Rape has devastating consequences for the victims and their families, and can destroy the lives and futures of women and girls who have been victimized.

We encourage all Anglicans to actively work within their churches, congregations, and communities to eliminate rape and other forms of gender-based violence, and to share across the Anglican Communion and the International Anglican Women's Network what you are doing.

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