

RESTORING DIGNITY

END VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN

Religions for Peace 

Upholding the Inviolable Dignity of Women & Girls

Religions for Peace advances common action among the world's religious communities for peace. Attaining lasting peace requires action to confront violence and advance shared security.

- Violence against women causes horrific physical, psychological and spiritual suffering and too often, it kills.
- *Religions for Peace* advances the concern for wellbeing of all persons, particularly those who are most vulnerable, a concept of shared security found in every religion.
- Religious leaders and people of faith must act now to restore and defend the inviolable dignity of women and girls.

Different Faiths, Common Action— While respecting religious differences, *Religions for Peace* is aligning faith communities around the shared concern that in order to advance shared security and peace for all, there is need to end violence against women.

Restoring Dignity draws on the commitment and resources of faith congregations, institutions, and communities of believers of diverse faith traditions—Baha'i, Buddhist, Christian, Hindu, Jain, Jewish, Muslim, Sikh, Shinto, Taoist, Zoroastrian, and Indigenous—to bring an end to violence against women. Actions by religious leaders and communities of faith can weave fabrics of respect for all persons, their potential, and their right to live a life free from violence.

Common Goals—Restoring Dignity aims at mobilizing religious communities and leaders for common action to end violence against women through:

Awareness: Increasing awareness on violence against women and girls and the need to address it.

Education: Deepening understanding on the different forms of violence against women & share knowledge on the religious & spiritual teachings & principles to end it.

Advocacy: Joining voices with survivors, women and men of faith, youth, the United Nations and other non-faith actors to advocate on prevention, addressing impunity and ensuring security for women and girls.



Religious Leaders and communities of faith have tremendous moral and spiritual influence with unique and unparalleled potential to uphold the dignity of women and girls and bring an end to violence against women.

Religious principles of the world's major faiths affirm the position of religion as a force for human dignity and mandate that women be valued in society.



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