

THURSDAYS IN BLACK

TOWARDS A WORLD
WITHOUT RAPE AND
VIOLENCE

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Thursdays in Black Campaign

- Decade of Churches in Solidarity with Women (1988-1998)
- The campaign was inspired by:
 - The **Mothers of the Disappeared** in Buenos Aires, Argentina who on **Thursdays** protested at the Plaza de Mayo, against the disappearance of their children during the violent dictatorship.
 - The **Women in Black** in Israel and Palestine, who up to now protest against war and **violence**.
 - **Women in Rwanda and Bosnia** who were protesting against the use of **rape** as a weapon of war during the genocide.
 - **Black Sash** movement in South Africa protesting against apartheid and its use of violence against black people.



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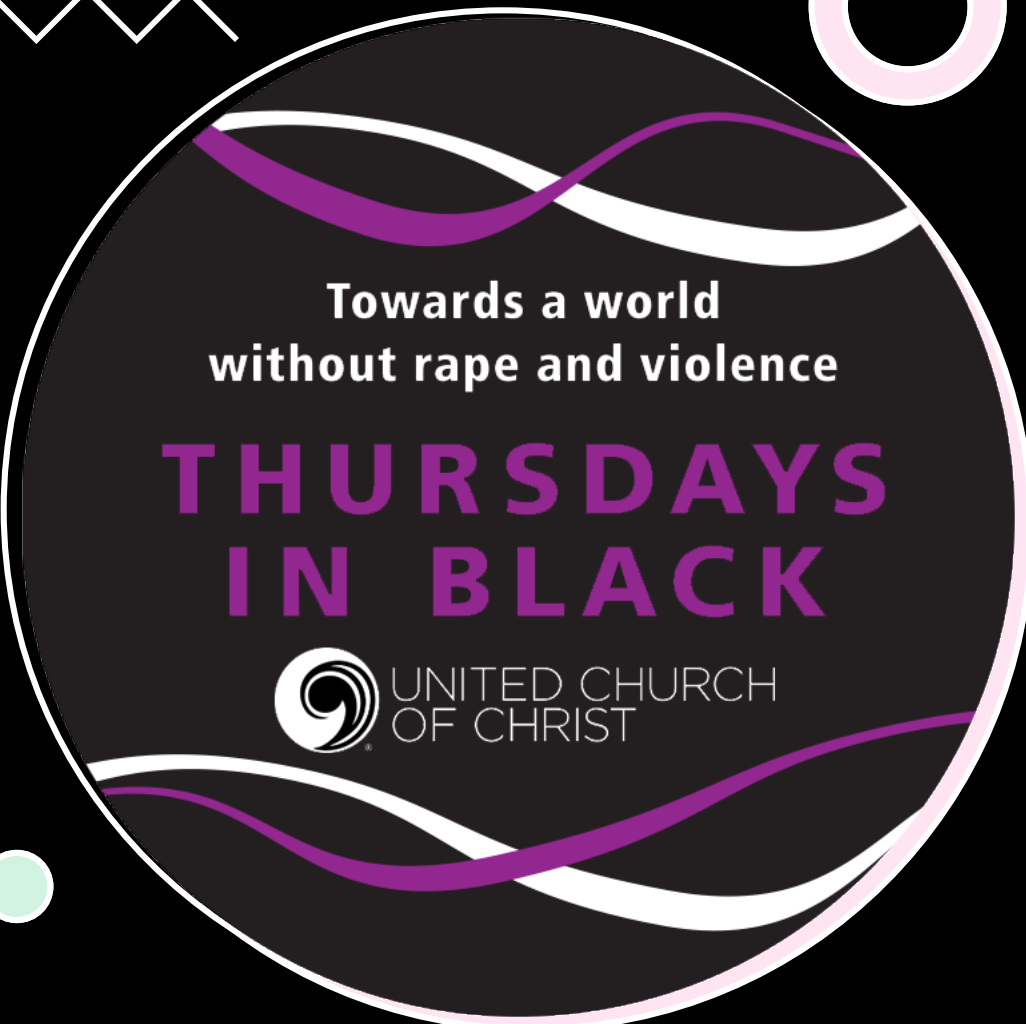

World Council
of Churches



● Global Campaign

- Awareness
- Advocacy
- Solidarity





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- **Thursdays in Black: Resistance and Resilience**
- **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 women who are resilient in the face of injustice and violence.
- Encourage others to join you.
- Often *black* has been used with negative racial connotations. In this campaign *Black* is used as a color of resistance and resilience.





ECUMENICAL WOMEN AT THE UNITED NATIONS

- Escalation of violence during COVID-19
- Renew awareness about the campaign
- Amplify the global nature of rape and violence
- Stand in solidarity with the global community
- <https://www.samhsa.gov/sites/default/files/social-distancing-domestic-violence.pdf>



● #ThursdaysinBlack

- **PAUSE**

Pause for a moment of silence on Thursdays at noon your local time to remember and honor those who have died at the hand of sexualized or gender-based violence.

- **PRAY**

Pray with us: We stand with invisible victims of sexual and gender-based violence. We see you. We hear you. You are not forgotten.

- **POST**

Post your prayers, photos, or inspirations on social media using the hashtags , **#ThursdayinBlack**, **#UnitedChurchOfChrist**, and tag us.

- **PLEDGE**

Make the Thursdays in Black pledge [here](#), and invite 5 friends, co-workers, or family members to do the same.





Take the Pledge

I commit to:
Thursdays in Black.
In solidarity
In protest
In mourning
For awareness
and In hope

By supporting Thursdays in Black I stand

- In solidarity with 1 in 3 women worldwide who face violence in their lives
- In protest against systems and societies that encourage violence in any form
- In mourning for men, women and children who are harmed and killed in sexual violence
- For awareness and knowledge about the challenges of sexual and gender-based violence.
- In the hope that a different reality is possible.





Resources

- 24-hour [National Domestic Violence Hotline](#), 1-800-799-SAFE (7233)
- UCC Thursdays in Black campaign webpage:
https://www.ucc.org/thursdays_in_black_campaign
- WCC Thursdays in Black webpage:
<https://www.oikoumene.org/thursdays-in-black>
- UCC Justice Issues – Women and Domestic Violence:
https://www.ucc.org/justice_womens-issues_domestic-violence
- Global Ministries resources on women and children:
https://www.globalministries.org/get_involved_justice_and_advocacy_global_poverty_women_and_children

