

# Thursdays In Black Resources for Male-Presenting People

It is important to consider the many ways men and male-presenting people have been both perpetrators of violence and victims of violence. Below are a few resources to help men and male-presenting people learn about, advocate for, and engage in the mission to eradicate gender-based violence.

## Learn

Thursdays in Black Bible Study: Overcoming the Resistance of Patriarchal Theologies - <https://bit.ly/TIBBibleStudy>

Understanding violence: <https://wdpcanada.ca/restore/understanding-violence/>

Supporting survivors: <https://wdpcanada.ca/restore/taking-action/responding-to-survivors/>

Working with Men and Boys to Prevent Gender-based Violence: Principles, Lessons Learned, and Ways Forward - <https://bit.ly/WorkwMenandBoys>

## Advocate

Contact national, state, and/or local government officials to encourage:

- Increased access to housing for victims of domestic violence
- Short-term financial assistance empowering victims to have access to safe housing
- Promote services that are trauma-informed, victim-centered, and culturally appropriate, including shelters, housing, counseling, and legal advice.

## Embody

- Contact your local shelter for victims and ask what supplies would be the most helpful for them. Then, purchase those supplies for the shelter and share the list with your congregation.
- Ending violence in our churches is especially important. The Women's Inter-Church Council of Canada (WICC) reports that "clergy abuse resource" is the most often searched phrase on their website. Make sure your congregation has policies to prevent clergy abuse and that they are known by church members. Nurturing a culture of accountability is a step towards ending gender-based violence.
- What policies are in place in your congregation to prevent gender-based violence, harassment, safety for vulnerable people, and rules guiding the congregation's ethical behavior? Is the policy trauma-informed and focused on the needs of the person harmed? Do people in your community of faith know the policy and how to make a complaint? Is there education/training regularly available to volunteers?

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