

THE CHURCH AND VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN: RELEVANT WEBSITES

Media articles

Submission is a fraught mixed message for the church, 2015 article by Julia Baird in the Sydney Morning Herald. This article puts the view that far from ending abuse in the home, organised religion may be legitimising it. An issue seen as particularly problematic is how we interpret Ephesians Chapter 5.

<http://www.smh.com.au/comment/submission-is-a-fraught-mixed-message-for-the-church-20150212-13d9nw#ixzz48xcyLfji>

The church must confront domestic abuse – 2015 article by Dr Natasha Moore and Dr John Dickson at the Centre for Public Christianity, on the ABC Drum website. This article puts the view that conservative evangelical institutions, in particular, should urgently consider commissioning a study into both the prevalence of domestic violence in our churches and clergy responses to it. -

<http://www.abc.net.au/news/2015-03-12/moore-dickson-the-church-must-confront-domestic-abuse/6300342>

General support services

ACT government website providing links to support services for domestic and sexual violence. One of the services (Relationships Australia) provides support for both victims and perpetrators. -

http://www.communityservices.act.gov.au/women/womens_directory/domestic_and_family_violence

Department of Human Services (including Centrelink) offer support services, including social workers for those experiencing family and domestic violence.

<https://www.humanservices.gov.au/customer/subjects/family-and-domestic-violence#a2>

MensLine Australia supports men and boys who are dealing with family and relationship difficulties

Ph:1300 78 99 78 (24/7) www.mensline.org.au

White Ribbon Campaign website. White Ribbon is a male-led initiative to eliminate violence against women. The website includes contact information for victims and perpetrators, a description of their programs, resources including fact sheets and videos, and information about upcoming events.

<http://www.whiteribbon.org.au/>

Statistics

The Australia's National Research Organisation for Women's Safety has compiled a summary of key data from the ABS 2012 Personal Safety Survey.

<http://media.aomx.com/anrows.org.au/s3fs-public/Key%20statistics%20-%20all.pdf>

Uniting Church resources

For Such a Time as This booklet - overview on the Presbytery website. This booklet is Presbytery's contribution to **An Ecumenical Response to Domestic Violence, "For Such a Time As This"**, which is being held by the Catholic Commission of Women, on 18 June at the Australian Centre for Christianity and Culture.

<http://canberraregion.unitingchurch.org.au/2016/for-such-a-time-as-this-booklet-is-a-call-to-prayer/#more-7113>

SA Uniting Communities, *Beyond Violence* website, which contains a number of resources, including videos, myths and facts about domestic violence and a Domestic-Violence Handbook for clergy and pastoral workers.

<http://sa.uca.org.au/beyond-violence/>

Uniting Church statements on violence against women

Uniting Church 1991 Assembly resolution on sexual violence. This resolution condemned sexual violence as a sin against God and humanity. The resolution also acknowledged that sexual violence was disturbingly frequent within the Uniting Church community as in the wider community and stated that the church has often made inappropriate responses or no response to victims/survivors of sexual violence.-

<http://www.unitingjustice.org.au/society-religion-and-politics/uca-statements/item/508-sexual-violence>

Uniting Church 2005 President's statement on White Ribbon Day. This statement by then President Rev Dr Dean Drayton urged Australians to wear a white ribbon in support of the International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women. He expressed deep concern at the devastating social and psychological cost of violence against women and their children.

<https://assembly.uca.org.au/news/item/302-white-ribbon-day-calling-for-an-end-to-violence-against-women>

West Epping Uniting Church 2015 statement (Rev John Barr). This statement notes "As followers of the risen Christ, we cannot ignore the epidemic of violence that is going on around us. With utmost urgency, let us condemn those attitudes and assumptions that serve to justify violence. Let us put an end to those myths and stereotypes that promote aggression, particularly against women."

<http://www.weppinguca.org.au/violence-against-women/>

Uniting Church support services

Queensland UnitingCare Community – support services run by UnitingCare -

<http://uccommunity.org.au/domestic-and-family-violence>

SA UnitingCommunities – support services in SA for domestic and family violence victims and counselling for men - <http://www.unitingcommunities.org/find-a-service/families-and-children/domestic-family-violence/>