

MISSING AND MURDERED INDIGENOUS WOMEN AND GIRLS

In a report released in 2014 by the RCMP, 1,017 women and girls identified as Indigenous were murdered between 1980 and 2012. As of November 2013, at least 105 Indigenous women and girls remained missing under suspicious circumstances or for undetermined reasons. The Truth and Reconciliation Commission's final report calls for a National Inquiry into missing and murdered Indigenous women. The 42nd General Council in August 2015 voted to call upon the federal government to conduct a full public inquiry into the more than 1,200 cases of missing or murdered Indigenous women and girls in Canada. Churches and ministries of the United Church are encouraged to remember the missing and murdered women through education and prayer. <http://www.gc42.ca/news/call-government-inquiry-missing-murdered-indigenous-women-and-girls>

Taking action on justice for missing and murdered Aboriginal women and girls
<http://www.united-church.ca/getinvolved/takeaction/140912>

Prayer for Missing and Murdered Aboriginal Women http://www.united-church.ca/files/planning/theme/aboriginal_roll-away-stone.pdf

Amnesty International <http://www.amnesty.ca/blog/missing-and-murdered-indigenous-women-and-girls-understanding-the-numbers>

SISTERS IN SPIRIT



Churches and ministries of the United Church are encouraged to annually remember missing and murdered Indigenous women and girls through education and prayer, particularly on the Sunday immediately prior to October 4, the day for Spirit Vigil.

<http://www.united-church.ca/aboriginal/rights/sis>

How you can help the Sisters in Spirit campaign <http://www.united-church.ca/getinvolved/takeaction/140912>

KAIROS Sisters in Spirit Action Page <http://www.kairoscanada.org/dignity-rights/indigenous-rights/sisters-in-spirit/>

Native Women's Association of Canada: Sisters in Spirit <http://www.nwac.ca/policy-areas/violence-prevention-and-safety/sisters-in-spirit/>

Fact Sheet: Root Causes of Violence Against Aboriginal Women and the Impact of Colonization
http://www.nwac.ca/wp-content/uploads/2015/05/Fact_Sheet_Missing_and_Murdered_Aboriginal_Women_and_Girls.pdf