

Information about 16 Days of Activism

During General Convention In 2024, The Episcopal Church [resolved](#) that Episcopal institutions and individuals participate in opportunities for activism and advocacy, including but not limited to:

- Engaging with the [Office of Government Relations \(OGR\)](#) on issues of gender justice and gender-based violence and taking action on action alerts through OGR's Episcopal Public Policy Network as well as through The Episcopal Church's work at the United Nations and the United Nations Commission on the Status of Women
- Participating in the 16 Days of Activism sponsored by United Nations Women
- Using Episcopal Relief and Development's 16 Days of Activism Toolkit

The [16 Days toolkit](#) is a part of Episcopal Relief & Development's work to engage community and faith leaders to act and speak out against violence against women and girls in our communities around the world.

Our programs create interfaith networks and provide tools, skills and support for faith leaders to challenge the attitudes and behaviors that perpetuate injustice and discrimination against women and girls.

Drawing heavily from the learnings and successes of our work around the world, the toolkit provides a framework, divided into 16 Actions, for engagement that includes praying, learning and acting together.

While these actions parallel the 16 Days of Activism, individual and community users are encouraged to see the toolkit as a living document that can be referred to and utilized for all 365 days of the year.

"As our societies have been forced into fresh recognition that women in all walks of life have suffered unspoken trauma at the hands of male aggressors and harassers, we have become convinced that The Episcopal Church must work even harder to create a church that is not simply safe, but holy, humane and decent. e must commit to treating every person as a child of God, deserving of dignity and respect."

— The Rt. Rev. Michael B. Curry, Former Presiding Bishop of The Episcopal Church and the Rev. Gay Clark Jennings, Former President of the House of Deputies