

## An Invitation to Faith Community Leaders

Dear Faith Community Leader,

When women and girls thrive, our entire world flourishes.

Yet across communities near and far, women and girls still face barriers, discrimination and violence that diminish their inherent dignity and potential.

Our new toolkit, *Grace, Justice & Hope ~ for Women & Girls Everywhere*, brings together practical wisdom and proven approaches for creating meaningful change.

What makes this toolkit special is how it honors the unique structure of faith communities while providing adaptable resources for diverse contexts. Whether you lead worship services, educational programs or community outreach, you'll find materials designed to meet you where you are and help you take next steps.

The stories and strategies within these pages have already helped reduce intimate partner violence in communities globally. Faith leaders like you have been instrumental in shifting attitudes, creating safe spaces and amplifying women's voices.

Your influence matters profoundly. You understand your community's specific needs and dynamics better than anyone.

This toolkit isn't prescriptive — it's collaborative. Use what resonates, adapt what needs customization and build on the wisdom you already hold.

As we work together across traditions and geographies, we're creating ripples of transformation that extend far beyond any single community. From changing harmful attitudes to building economic opportunity to fostering women's leadership, each step contributes to a larger vision of justice.

I invite you to explore these resources with curiosity and commitment.

Share them widely. Start conversations. Build partnerships. Together, we can create communities where all women and girls live with safety, dignity and opportunity.

With appreciation for your leadership,

## **Nicole Hosein**

Director, Violence Prevention, Protection & Resilience Episcopal Relief & Development