

## **International Day for Elimination of Violence against Women 25th November, 2020**

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International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women is observed every year across the globe to bring attention to this serious concern and bring an end to persistent violence against women and girls. The United Nations General Assembly designated November 25th as the International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women. The theme for International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women 2020 is 'Orange the World: Fund, Respond, Prevent, and Collect'. Similar to the previous year, this year's International Day will mark the launch of 16 days of activism that will conclude on December 10th, 2020, which is commemorated as International Human Rights Day.



The UN Secretary-General's Unite to End Violence against Women campaign, a multi-year effort aims at the prevention and elimination of violence against women and girls.

On 25th November, 2020 URI Women Wing Pakistan organized a program for this year's International Day Elimination Violence against Women .CC members from, Helping Hands, Peace Hope Pakistan, WAKE and COPE Pakistan participated in the program at Peace Center Lahore, Pakistan. All participants were given orange colour stoles and ribbons to recall the need for a violence-free future.



This program was organized by URI Women Wing Pakistan. Twenty five female and male participated from Christian, Muslim and different denominations. Majority of the participants were women and girls. Because of Covid 19 numbers of participants were limited. SOPs were followed

Sr.Sabina Rifat Coordinator URI Women Wing Pakistan welcomed the guests. After interfaith prayers she talked about the objectives and theme of the International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women. She said: the objective behind celebrating the day is to eliminate and prevent violence against women. In the world, violence against women and girls is one of the most widespread and devastating human rights violations which largely remain unreported due to the silence, stigma, and shame surrounding it. Sr Sabina thanked the global office for its support for women empowerment programs.

Ms.Sarwat Amir Peace activist and member of WAKE CC shared in her views that as a women we must behave strong and brave. We may support women who are victims of violence. If we are facing violence in our homes then we must raise our voice and say: stop violence against Women! She congratulated Sr.Sabina Rifat to organize such a needed program to the stop violence against women.



Sr.Sabina Rifat showed a slideshow which showed her struggle and efforts for women empowerment .It showed how she is working for the rights of women and through skill and education how women and girls are meeting a positive change. All the participants appreciated her wonderful work and congratulated URI Women Wing Pakistan for this impressive working for women and girls.

Ms.Mariam, Ms.Josephine,Ms Seraphine and Ms Saima shared her views that this day is very special for all women in the World. Many women and girls are facing violence in physical, sexual, and psychological forms; intimate partner violence (battering, psychological abuse, marital rape, and harassment, unwanted advances, child abuse, forced marriages.

They appreciated URI Women Wing work for all religions. Today we shared our achievements, problems and issues together. And together we try to stop violence against women.



Mr.Asher Nazir Executive Secretary Pakistan, Mr.Faisal Ilyas Executive Secretary Peace Center and Mr.Waheed Muhthar CC coordinator Helping Hands shared that as male we stand for women rights and we strongly condemn violence against women. If in your home you are facing violence and you are in silence then nobody can stand for your rights. So first you should speak and raise your voice for this beautiful life.

All participated in cake cutting ceremony with Sr.Sabina Rifat and enjoyed delicious meal.



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