

# Religion and Domestic Violence

Information and Resources

## WEBSITE RESOURCE LIST



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# ORGANIZATION RESOURCE LIST

## ISLAM

### **In Search of Peace: Resources for and about Muslim Women**

<http://www.jannah.org/sisters/>

This web site provides links to articles on women and Islamic society.

### **Islam - The Modern Religion**

<http://www.themodernreligion.com/index2.html>

This web site provides information and articles about the Islamic religion. There are several articles available that discuss domestic violence within the Islamic community.

### **Islamic Society of North America (ISNA)**

<http://www.isna.net/dv>

“This site was established to bring awareness to the issue of domestic violence in Muslim communities and provide opportunities for collaboration, exchanges of information and the promotion of continued research in the field of domestic violence’s impact on Muslim families.”

### **Muslim Women’s League**

<http://www.mwusa.org/>

Muslim Women’s League seeks to strengthen the role of Muslim women through increased awareness of their rights guaranteed by Islam and to educate non-Muslims about important issues that impact Muslim women and their families.

### **ZAWAJ.com**

<http://www.zawaj.com/articles.html>

A large collection of articles related to Islamic marriage and family, including domestic violence.

## JUDAISM

### **Bibliography of Sexual and Domestic Violence in the Jewish Community**

<http://www.mincava.umn.edu/bibs/jewish.htm>

Extensive bibliography of articles and other resources on the topic of violence against women in the Jewish community.

### **Community Help and Abuse Information (CHAI)**

<http://www.chaicolorado.org/>

CHAI, located in Colorado, is committed to creating a supportive environment to address domestic violence in the Jewish community through victim advocacy, community education, and awareness.

### **Hadassah**

<http://www.hadassah.org/>

“Hadassah – the largest women’s and the largest Jewish membership organization in the U.S., along with the Leadership Conference of National Jewish Women’s Organizations – has coordinated [*Domestic Abuse Does Not Discriminate*], a national domestic abuse awareness campaign targeting the Jewish community.”

### **Jewish Women International**

<http://www.jewishwomen.org>

“Jewish Women International, founded in 1897 as B’nai Brith Women, honors the concept of tikkum olam – repairing the world – through education, advocacy and action.” The website includes information on *Skills for Living: Curriculum for Women Survivors of Domestic Violence* and a directory of domestic violence resources.

### **National Council of Jewish Women**

<http://www.ncjw.org/>

“The National Council of Jewish Women is a volunteer organization that has been at the forefront of social change for over a century. Inspired by Jewish values, NCJW courageously takes a progressive stance on issues such as child welfare, women’s rights, and reproductive freedom.”

### **Religious Action Center of Reform Judaism**

<http://www.rac.org/issues/issuedv>

The Religious Action Center of Reform Judaism educates and mobilizes the Jewish community on a variety of legislative and social issues. This site give a legislative overview of domestic violence, outlines the position of the Reform Jewish Movement on domestic violence, and gives an overview of domestic violence in the Jewish community.

**Shalom Bayit**

<http://www.shalom-bayit.org/>

Shalom Bayit is North California's first and only Jewish organization working to end domestic violence in the Jewish community. Shalom-Bayit seeks to "advocate on behalf of battered Jewish women, to educate the Jewish community about domestic violence, and to promote awareness of Jewish issues within the battered women's movement."

**United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism (USCJ)**

<http://www.uscj.org>

In 1993, the USCJ passed a resolution calling upon its affiliated congregations to address the issue of domestic violence within their communities and assist victims and perpetrators. This site contains a copy of the resolution, an overview of domestic violence in the Jewish community, highlights resources, offers program suggestions and give hypothetical situations for discussion and study.

## CHRISTIANITY

### **Family Abuse Ministries**

<http://www.abuseministries.com>

This website includes *The Biblical Perspective on Family Violence*, an online Bible-based book.

### **Greek Orthodox Ladies Philoptochos Society, Inc**

<http://www.philoptochos.org/IntrotoDVsection.html>

The Social Work Staff of the National Office of the Greek Orthodox Ladies Philoptochos Society prepared this site to help the Greek Orthodox community address the issue of domestic violence and to empower women. An overview of domestic violence is provided as well as an examination and reframing of the relationship between culture, religion, and domestic violence.

### **Mennonite Central Committee (British Columbia)**

<http://www.mcc.org/bc/abuse>

Domestic violence resource webpage developed by the Domestic Violence and Sexual Abuse Advisory Committee. This website was developed for survivors, including those who are unsure whether or not they are being abused, helpers (e.g., pastors) and congregational leaders. Included under each heading are definitions, guidelines, worship materials, resources and links. Some resources available in German, French and Spanish.

### **Presbyterians Against Domestic Violence (PADVN)**

<http://www.pcusa.org/phewa/padvn>

“PADVN welcomes those who promote non-violence in all relationships. They provide advocacy and resources for the preventing of and healing from societal and domestic violence.”

### **Safe Place Ministries**

<http://www.safeplaceministries.com/>

“Safe Place Ministries exists to provide education, resources, support, and services to individuals, care providers, and churches throughout Idaho, whose lives and ministries have been touched by childhood sexual abuse, domestic violence, and/or sexual assault.”

### **United Church of Christ**

<http://www.ucc.org/justice/action/eleven.htm>

Suggestions to make overcoming violence a mission priority in all settings of the church are provided on this section of the web site.

## NATIONAL INTERRELIGIOUS AND INTERDENOMINATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

### **FaithTrust Institute**

<http://www.faithtrustinstitute.org/>

“FaithTrust Institute is an interreligious educational resource addressing issues of sexual and domestic violence. The [Institute’s] goal is to engage religious leaders in the task of ending abuse, and to serve as a bridge between religious and secular communities.”

### **The Black Church and Domestic Violence Institute**

<http://www.bcdvi.org/>

The Institute “develop[s] partnerships and collaborations to provide educational, spiritual and technical support as well as advocacy and leadership development; to enhance the capacity of the church to empower and protect victims of domestic violence; to hold abusers accountable; to promote healing and wholeness in African-American communities.”

## INTERRELIGIOUS RESOURCES

### **11<sup>th</sup> Circuit Family Violence Coordinating Council-Domestic Violence Research and Resources**

<http://fvcc.tripod.com/fvcc/id10.html>

Includes clergy guidelines for counseling victims and a list of books, articles, videos, misc. resource materials, and web links on information about domestic violence for faith communities.

### **Bibliography on Religious Groups and Domestic Violence**

<http://www.lib.jjay.cuny.edu/research/DomesticViolence/iv.html>

Developed by Natalie Sokoloff at the John Jay College of Criminal Justice, this bibliography lists articles that address domestic violence and religion in general, and in Christian, Jewish, Muslim and Hindu religious groups.

### **Communities Against Violence Network (CAVNET)**

<http://www.cavnet2.org/>

CAVNET is a network of over 1,000 individuals and organizations, brought together to share information and resources about ending violence within our communities. CAVNET maintains an interactive database of over 2,000 resources that are listed by topic, including violence against women and the faith-based community.

### **Safe Havens Interfaith Partnership Against Domestic Violence**

<http://www.gbmg-umc.org/calvary-ch-um/justice/safehaven2002.htm>

The Calvary Church, United Methodist Church website provides information on “Safe Havens: A Family Violence Prevention Project,” an education and social justice program. “The project is designed to create an expanding network of congregations trained in family violence intervention and prevention strategies. [...] The sessions provide clergy and lay leaders with the information, skills, and relationships with community resource people to support victims, hold batterers accountable for their behavior, and improve the opportunities for children and youth to have safe and healthy lives.”

### **Support Network for Battered Women**

[http://snbw.org/lifeline\\_frame.htm](http://snbw.org/lifeline_frame.htm)

This website includes a link to the Lifeline Newsletter, which includes articles about “Power to Change: An Interfaith Conference on Domestic Violence,” working with faith communities and congregation approaches to domestic violence.

**Toolkit to End Violence Against Women**

<http://toolkit.ncjrs.org/>

Chapter 12 of the *Toolkit* (“Engaging Religious, Spiritual, and Faith-based Groups and Organizations”), developed by the National Advisory Council on Violence Against Women, provides specific recommendations to religious, spiritual, and faith-based organizations, community-based sexual assault and domestic violence programs, secular victim services, advocacy programs, and public and private funders to end violence against women.

**Unitarian Universalist Association**

<http://www.uua.org/cde/handbook/index.html>

This site contains *The Congregational Handbook: How to Develop and Sustain Your Unitarian Universalist Congregation*, which includes information on *Safe Congregations*, “a Unitarian Universalist Association curriculum designed to address issues of safety and abuse in congregational relationship: minister to congregation, adult to adult, and adult to child.”

**Washentaw County Faith Based Coalition Against Violence**

<http://csswashtenaw.org/cav/index.html>

Since 2002, the Coalition works to bring faith-based communities, area agencies and interested individuals together to explore the degree and level of interpersonal violence in Washentaw County and how abusive behaviors can be reduced, prevented, and remedied. This site includes links to several local, state and national resources.

## **RELIGIOUS RESOURCES: ANTI-VIOLENCE (NOT DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SPECIFIC)**

### **Al-Fatiha Foundation**

<http://www.al-fatiha.org>

“The Al-Fatiha Foundation is an international organization dedicated to Muslims who are lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgendered, those who are questioning their sexual orientation or gender identity and their friends. Al-Fatiha’s goal is to provide a safe space and a forum for LGBTQ Muslims to address issues of common concern, share individual experiences, and institutional resources. The Al-Fatiha Foundation aims to support LGBTQ Muslims in reconciling their sexual orientation or gender identity with Islam. Al-Fatiha promotes the Islamic notions of social justice, peace, and tolerance through its work, to bring all closer to a world that is free from injustice, prejudice and discrimination.”

### **The Carpenter Program in Religion, Gender, and Sexuality**

<http://divinity.lib.vanderbilt.edu/Carpenter/index.html>

Affiliated with Vanderbilt University, the Carpenter Program is “designed to foster conversation about religion, gender, and sexuality. The program is not partisan in theological outlook or political orientation, nor is it focused solely on the academic community. Rather, it seeks to provide education and encourage communication within and across religious affiliations, ideological bases, and cultural contexts.”

### **Interfaith Working Group Online**

<http://www.iwgonline.org>

This site is a project of the Interfaith Working Group and is designed to provide news, opinions, links, and opportunities for action relevant to religious diversity and social issues. The Interfaith Working Group is a non-profit organization whose mission is to provide and voice and a forum for religious organizations, congregations and clergy who support equal rights for gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender individuals, reproductive freedom, and the separation of church and state.

### **National Gay and Lesbian Task Force**

<http://www.thetaskforce.org/ourprojects/nrlr/index.cfm>

The National Religious Leadership Roundtable of the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force “is an interfaith network of leaders from pro-gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender (GLBT) faith, spiritual and religious organizations. We share resources, support one another, and work in partnership with other social justice-seeking organizations.”

**Pluralism Project**

<http://www.pluralism.org/>

Affiliated with Harvard University, the Pluralism Project is a research project whose mission is “to help Americans engage with the realities of religious diversity through research, outreach, and the active dissemination of resources.”

**Religious Tolerance**

<http://www.religioustolerance.org/>

Dedicated to promoting religious tolerance, this website has information on numerous religious sects and beliefs.

**Tolerance.org**

<http://www.tolerance.org/index.jsp>

Tolerance.org has several interactive tools, developed by Yale University and the University of Washington, that are designed to measure bias. Tolerance.org is a web project of the Southern Poverty Law Center and promotes and supports anti-bias work through the US by providing online resources, ideas and educational materials.

**Women Living Under Muslim Laws**

<http://www.wluml.org/english/index.shtml>

“Women Living Under Muslim Laws is an international solidarity network that provides information, support and a collective space for women whose lives are shaped, conditioned or governed by laws and customs said to derive from Islam.” The website is in English, French and Arabic.

**Women-related Religion/Spirituality Sites**

[http://www.research.umbc.edu/~korenman/wmst/links\\_rel.html](http://www.research.umbc.edu/~korenman/wmst/links_rel.html)

Faculty of the University of Maryland, Baltimore County Women’s Studies Program developed this list of women-related sites focusing on religion and/or spirituality.

## FUNDING

### **The Center for Faith-based and Community Initiatives**

<http://www.whitehouse.gov/government/fbci>

The Office of the White House and the Centers for Faith-based and Community Initiatives, located in ten federal agencies, assures “that grassroots leaders can compete on an equal footing for federal dollars, receive greater private support, and face fewer bureaucratic barriers.” This website provides information on each of the ten federal agencies and their faith-based initiatives.

### **Department of Health and Human Services’ (DHHS) Center for Faith-based and Community Initiatives**

<http://www.hhs.gov/fbci/>

<http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/ccf> (Compassion Capital Fund)

<http://www.hhs.gov/fbci/GnntNtbkINTRACTV2.pdf> (2005 Grant Opportunities Notebook)

The website provides information about current funding opportunities from DHHS, upcoming events, resources, the Compassion Capital Fund, announcements, and the ability to register for information by mail or list serve. Among the resources available is the *Center for Faith-based and Community Initiatives: 2005 Grant Opportunities Notebook*. The *Notebook* provides information about each grant program from DHHS: agency, contact, phone, e-mail, website, grant lengths, when the grant is announced, whether subcontracting is permitted, total allocation and the funding type. The *Notebook* is available online in PDF format.

### **Department of Housing and Urban Development’s (HUD) Center for Faith-based and Community Initiatives**

<http://www.hud.gov/offices/fbci/about.cfm>

“The central mission of the Center is to empower faith-based and other community organizations to apply for HUD grants. The Center supplies information and training, but it does not make the decisions about which groups will be funded.”

### **Department of Justice’s Task Force for Faith-based and Community Initiatives**

<http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/fbci/fundopp.html>

“The Task Force’s purpose is to promote good works by neighbors, particularly in the areas of juvenile delinquency, prisoners and their families, victims of crime, domestic violence, and drug addiction/treatment/prevention. [...] Working with the [Office of Justice Programs], the Task Force is able to provide assistance in identifying resources and training to faith-based and community organizations. The Task Force does not make the decisions about which groups are funded.”

### **Department of Labor’s Center for Faith-based and Community Initiatives**

<http://www.dol.gov/cfbc/index.htm>

“The Center for Faith-based and Community Initiatives (CFBCI) at the US Department of labor (DOL) seeks to empower faith based-and community organizations (FBCO) as these organizations help their neighbors enter, succeed and thrive in the workforce. We target those organizations that are trusted institutions providing valuable services but that may not be partnering with government programs.”

### **The Roundtable on Religion and Social Welfare Policy**

<http://www.religionandsocialpolicy.org/index.cfm>

The purpose of the Roundtable project is to conduct non-partisan social science research to examine the role and effectiveness of faith-based organizations in providing social services, document the extent and nature of collaborative anti-poverty efforts between religious charities and governmental and private partners, and to track changes to legislation, regulation and licensing requirements related to religious social service providers at the national, state and local levels.

