sexual & domestic violence

What Individuals Can Do to Respond to Sexual and Domestic Violence

- 1. Learn how to recognize the signs of abuse.
- 2. Attend a lecture or domestic violence prevention event. Take a friend.
- 3. Host an information and awareness event with FaithTrust Institute's <u>educational</u> <u>materials</u> at your home, faith community, or office.
- 4. Arrange for a guest speaker on domestic violence prevention to come to your faith community, school, or community forum. Post materials or <u>resource information</u>.
- 5. Volunteer with a group that works to change the conditions that perpetuate violence against women.
- 6. Implement a healthy relationships curriculum, like FaithTrust Institute's <u>Love—All That and More Curriculum</u>, in your school and with your youth groups.
- 7. Support the safety and well-being of survivors. Give them a copy of *Keeping the Faith, You Are Not Alone,* or *What Islam Say About Domestic Violence*.
- 8. Talk to a teen or adolescent about family violence prevention and intervention. Give them a <u>website</u> to visit.
- 9. Memorize the toll-free number for the local or national domestic violence hotline.
- 10. Talk to family members and friends about the <u>issues</u> related to domestic violence in our community.
- 11. Talk about domestic violence prevention on social networking sites and blogs.
- 12. Ask for your faith community to have a display of local domestic violence prevention and intervention resources.
- 13. Sign the <u>National Declaration</u> by Religious & Spiritual Leaders to Address Violence Against Women.
- 14. Get to know your local domestic violence, sexual assault, elder abuse, and child abuse service providers. Ask for referral cards.

- 15. Donate to support the programs of <u>FaithTrust Institute</u>.
- 16. Review the texts, traditions, and values of your religion as resources for addressing violence. Read <u>A Commentary on Religious Issues in Domestic Violence</u>.
- 17. Stay current on the issues by signing up for <u>FaithTrust Institute's newsletter</u>.
- 18. Hear what Marie Fortune has to say about the religious and cultural issues related to abuse on her blog.

Visit www.faithtrustinstitute.org for more resources.