

OMNI Newsletter #2 for INTERNATIONAL DAY TO END VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN, NOVEMBER 25, 2011, Compiled by Dick Bennett for a Culture of Peace. (#1 Nov. 22, 2008).

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### **OMNI'S "WE CONNECTIONS"**

WE Connections means "Women Empowered and Connected." This group was formed to give OMNI women a place to get to know one another and explore women's options for shifting the culture toward nonviolence, sustainability and justice. WE meets twice a month at 3:00 pm on the 2nd and 4th Sundays. Second Sundays are a "salon" style meeting... very informal discussion that can lead in many directions and explore new options. The 4th Sunday is a presentation day, when a member of the group presents something on a topic that she finds compelling.

All OMNI women are invited to join the conversations. 3:00 pm, 2nd and 4th Sundays at OMNI Center, 3274 N. Lee Ave, Fayetteville. For more information contact Gladys at 935-4422.

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“Violence against women and girls takes many forms and is widespread throughout the globe. [...] On this International Day, I urge governments and partners around the world to harness the energy, ideas and leadership of young people to help us to end this pandemic of violence. Only then will we have a more just, peaceful and equitable world.”

*Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon  
Message for the International Day for the  
Elimination of Violence against Women  
25 November 2011*

By resolution [54/134](#) of 17 December 1999, the United Nations General Assembly designated 25 November as the International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women, and invited governments, international organizations and NGOs to organize activities designed to raise public awareness of the problem on that day. Women's activists have marked 25 November as a day against violence since 1981. This date came from the brutal assassination in 1960, of the three Mirabal sisters, political activists in the Dominican Republic, on orders of Dominican ruler Rafael Trujillo (1930-1961).

On 20 December 1993 the General Assembly, by resolution [48/104](#), adopted the Declaration on the Elimination of Violence against Women.

NOVEMBER 25 begins **16 Days** of Activism Against Gender Violence TO DECEMBER 10 International Human Rights Day.  
<http://cwgl.rutgers.edu/>; <http://www.unwomen.org>

### GLOBAL SEXUAL VIOLENCE

[forwarded by *The Nation Magazine* 6-7-11]  
Dear Friend,

*American Journal of Public Health* reports that 400,000 women were raped from 2006 to 2007 in the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC). And that's just one country out of 192 recognized by the United Nations.

As a *Nation* reader, you are aware of many of the issues facing poor women around the world. The study about sexual violence in DRC, where

hundreds of women are raped and sexually brutalized every day, is just one of the stories about rape and gender-based violence in the headlines today. While the stories may be new, widespread violence against women is not.

CARE is an international development organization that works in more than 80 countries to help empower poor women and girls. CARE recognizes violence against women is both a cause and consequence of poverty, and one of the most widespread violations of human rights in the world. In some countries, more than 50 percent of women and girls experience some form of violence in their lifetime.

Please take a stand. Violence against women is a deplorable practice – by signing CARE's Voices Against Violence petition now you can help affect change. [http://my.care.org/site/Ecard?ecard\\_id=1881&s\\_source=nat](http://my.care.org/site/Ecard?ecard_id=1881&s_source=nat)

We need our elected officials to help ensure policies around the world make ending violence a priority. By adding your voice, you'll join the growing community of women and men who are saying NO to gender-based violence.

Rape, female genital cutting and other forms of violence against women and girls are barriers to solving global challenges, such as poverty, conflict and diseases including HIV and malaria. Violence makes it next to impossible for women and girls to get education and skills they need to lift themselves, their families and their communities out of poverty.

CARE works around the world to help empower women to escape poverty. In addition, we work with young men and boys to influence attitudes and behaviors to help stop the vicious cycle of violence. Please sign the petition and say "NO" to violence against women.

[http://my.care.org/site/Ecard?ecard\\_id=1881&s\\_source=nat\\_message@thenation.com](http://my.care.org/site/Ecard?ecard_id=1881&s_source=nat_message@thenation.com)

Thank you for your support.

Helene D. Gayle, MD, MPH  
President and CEO, CARE

More about CARE:

CARE worked in 87 countries in fiscal year 2010, implementing long-term programs to fight poverty, responding to humanitarian emergencies, and advocating for policy change to improve the lives of the poorest people. Through our community-based efforts focused on empowering women, we work to improve basic education, prevent the spread of disease, increase access to clean water and sanitation, expand economic opportunity and protect natural resources. CARE also delivers emergency aid to survivors of war and natural disasters.

TERRY O'NEILL PRESIDENT OF NOW

O'Neill spoke well about violence against women on Amy Goodman's  
*Democracy Now* March 3, 2010.

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