

WHITE RIBBON 2023 MESSAGE & RESOURCES FOR CHURCHES



Message of Support for White Ribbon PCANZ Moderator Right Rev Rose Luxford

"I commend to churches the White Ribbon Day 2023, and the resources that have been prepared by the Rev Hana Popea, White Ribbon Ambassador for the PCANZ.

Recently I was listening to a podcast featuring Mike King and he talked about issues to do with mental health. He talked of 'changing the narrative' in how we speak to and treat our young people, and what a huge difference that can make.

That approach resonates with the theme 'Change the Story for women and girls'. As Hana says, violence experienced by women and girls takes many forms. Let us be proactive in being part of changing the story."



Kia Ora, Talofa, Greetings



I warmly encourage PCANZ congregations and leaders to unite in support of White Ribbon on Sunday 26 November – the closest Sunday to White Ribbon Day 25 November. Please share and use the [White Ribbon resources](#) below which include a new song, written resource, a video, plus other resources recently shared at GA23.

The PCANZ White Ribbon campaign encourages our Church to join with other churches and organisations around the world to call for the prevention and elimination of violence against women and girls. This year the theme is, 'Change the story for women and girls so that they may live their lives free from the fear of violence'.

To show your support you can: wear a white ribbon pin; creatively raise awareness in your presbytery, parish, workplace, school, youth group or children's programme; and incorporate White Ribbon resources in your local community worship services.

Please download the resources below, they have information and ideas to create a more meaningful White Ribbon Service for your community and groups. If you have any questions about how your parish can engage with White Ribbon, or want to share your church's ideas, please contact me.

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Resources

[Download the PCANZ White Ribbon 2023 resource for churches](#)
A printable resource compiled for churches by Rev Hana Popea.

[Download the PCANZ White Ribbon 2023 song](#)
"No More Smalling Up Of Me" is a new song for PCANZ White Ribbon 2023. Original poem by Jean Wilson [of Jamaica] published 2003, and original music and additional words by David Raymond Dell [of New Zealand] 2023 for PCANZ White Ribbon.

- [Download and listen to the 2023 PCANZ White Ribbon song](#)
- [Download 1 page melody/words/chords sheet music](#) and [Download 3 page piano accompaniment sheet music](#)

[Download or watch the White Ribbon video](#)
During GA23, a short video on the aims of White Ribbon was played. (Video created for/with the PCANZ White Ribbon Ambassador, presented & edited by Joel Tempero, with generous financial support from the Albert Anderson Estate.)

[Download the 2023 PCANZ White Ribbon noticeboard poster for parishes](#)

Download all of the above resources from the [PCANZ website](#) and see more about family violence in NZ on the [PCANZ website](#).

Other resources

- SHINE family violence response webinar for Presbyterians in children and youth ministry, 30 Nov, 6.30–7.30pm. [See details](#).
- Safeguarding Children webinar addressing violence and child abuse in a religious setting, 28 Nov & 5 Dec. [See details](#).