

THURSDAYS IN BLACK

Synod members are warmly invited to join with the Provincial Global Partnerships Committee and wear black on Thursday 8 June 2023, the first day of General Synod. Through this simple gesture, you are invited to be part of a global movement urging an end to violence against women.

Thursdays in Black encourages everyone, regardless of gender, to wear black every Thursday. This can be a campaign T-shirt, other black clothing or a simple campaign badge as a sign of their support. Badges will be available in the envelope of material which Synod members will receive on their arrival at Synod. Wearing black on Thursdays shows others that you are tired of putting up with violence, and calls for communities where we can all walk safely without fear; fear of being beaten up, fear of being verbally abused, fear of being raped, fear of discrimination.

The Scottish Episcopal Church has promoted this peaceful form of protest against rape and violence in Scotland since being introduced to *Thursdays in Black* through its partnerships in Brazil and India, and through its relationship with the World Council of Churches.

There is no obligation to wear black clothing on Thursday 8 June, but the Global Partnerships Committee would appreciate the support of as many people as possible as it joins with our overseas partners and our sister churches here in Scotland in bringing an end to gender-based violence.

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Church Relations Officer, Secretary to the Global Partnerships Committee
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More information on *Thursdays in Black* can be found at
<https://www.oikoumene.org/en/get-involved/thursdays-in-black>

