



**Statement on Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls:
No More Stolen Sisters**

On October 4, 2017, we join family and community members in honouring the lives of over 1,200 Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls (MMIWG) on Turtle Island. Indigenous women and girls experience disproportionate levels of gender-based violence because of the settler-colonial, white supremacist, heteropatriarchal and anti-indigenous racism ingrained within the nation-state. We offer our respects and our remembrance to help honour the memories of our stolen sisters alongside their families.

The Sisters in Spirit campaign is a call to action and a joint campaign of the Native Women's Association of Canada (NWAC), Amnesty International, KAIROS: Canadian Ecumenical Justice Initiatives, Native Association of Friendship Centres, and the Canadian Federation of Students.

APUS supports the Sisters in Spirit campaign and we offer our commitment to challenge the violence experienced by Indigenous women and girls. Indigenous women experience disproportionate levels of violence and are 3.5 times more likely to be experience violence in comparison to non Indigenous women in our society.¹

The Native Women's Resource Centre of Toronto will be hosting a Sisters In Spirit feast, vigil and prayers on October 4th, 2017. The feast and vigil will take place at 191 Gerrard Street East, Toronto, beginning at 5:00PM.²

We encourage members of APUS and all members of our community to participate in this or other similar vigils. These vigils serve as an opportunity to honour the lives of Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women, Girls and Two-Spirit people and to provide an outlet to pressure all levels of government to take action.

In Solidarity,
The APUS Executive Committee

1. <https://www.metrac.org/missing-and-murdered-aboriginal-women-in-canada/>

2. <https://www.nwac.ca/policy-areas/violence-prevention-and-safety/sisters-in-spirit/october-4th-vigils/>