



October 4, 2015

No More Stolen Sisters

On October 4, 2015, we join family members and community members in honouring the over 1200 made-missing and murdered Aboriginal women and girls on Turtle Island. 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, Amnesty International, KAIROS: Canadian Ecumenical Justice Initiatives, Native Association of Friendship Centres, and the Canadian Federation of Students. APUS supports the campaign and we offer our commitment to challenge the settler colonial violence experienced by Aboriginal women and girls generally. Aboriginal women experience disproportionate levels of violence and are four times as likely to be murdered in comparison to non-Aboriginal women in our society. We condemn this intersecting violence of racism, colonialism and misogyny.

The call to action doesn't just stop here; we must continue the call for a comprehensive national action plan to stop violence against Aboriginal women. We encourage our federal representatives to implement a national inquiry into the over 1200 made-missing and murdered Aboriginal women and girls. We encourage the reversal of cuts to funding to the Native Women's Association of Canada and other Aboriginal organizations. We also call upon our federal representatives to implement the recommendations of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission.

The Native Women's Resource Centre of Toronto will be holding a Sisters In Spirit Vigil at Allan Gardens Park on October 4 from 6:30 – 8:30 p.m along with a number of events starting at 3:00 p.m listed here: <https://www.facebook.com/events/181326618869095/> . We encourage members of APUS and all members of our community to participate in this or other similar vigils.

In solidarity,
The APUS Team