

SOME OF THE FACES OF VIOLENCE:

Physical violence: the use of brute force such as battering and child abuse, domestic violence, gangs, bullying and elder abuse.

Terrorism: the calculated use of violence (or threat of violence) against civilians in order to attain goals that are political, religious or ideological in nature; this is done through intimidation, coercion or instilling fear.

Structural violence: Violence that is built into social, political and economic structures such as caste, patriarchy, etc.

Racial discrimination: leads to verbal and/or physical violence. The term "racial discrimination" refers to any distinction, exclusion, restriction or preference based on race, color, descent, national or ethnic origin which has the purpose or effect of nullifying or impairing the recognition, enjoyment or exercise, on an equal footing, of human rights and fundamental freedoms in the political, economic, social, cultural or any other field of public life.

THE RELATION BETWEEN RELIGION AND VIOLENCE

Religious traditions can be resources for building peace. At the same time, certain people use false interpretations of religion to justify violence.

WE, THE MEMBERS OF THE MULTIFAITH COMMUNITY, REFUSE TO CONSENT WITH OUR SILENCE.

We refuse to sanctify violence in the name of tradition.

We reject violence as a means of expansion of our traditions or beliefs.

We reject violence inflicted on the grounds that the victims are somehow less worthy than ourselves and less deserving of our protection.

**THE ROAD IS OPEN
HOW FAR ARE YOU
WILLING TO GO?**

*The time for solidarity is **Now***



MULTIFAITH WALK AGAINST VIOLENCE

Exposure to violence is all around us, we may think we are already more than aware of it – **but are we?**

1. How many incidents of violence do you think you are exposed to each day?

Maybe more than you think!

2. How do you cope with this exposure?

Do you pay attention, or do you dismiss what you hear as having no connection with you. **You could be wrong.**

3. We maintain that violence in all its forms affects each and every one of us – not in the future, not as a part of the past and not as something removed from us – **but right here and right now!**

WHY ARE WE WALKING?

We, the members of many faiths and walks of life have chosen this method to bring about awareness of the problem of violence in society and its impact on all of us. *Do you have a story to tell? Tell it now!*

WHEN WILL WE WALK?

Our walk is scheduled to begin on April 20 and expected to finish by November 30 of this year, 2008.

“A Muslim is that person from whose hands and tongue the others are safe”. (Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him)

“thou shall not kill” (Exodus 20:13; Deuteronomy 5:17)

WHERE WILL WE WALK?

We will begin our walk in Halifax, Nova Scotia and then proceed on our way across Canada. The last stop on our road of companionship will be Victoria, British Columbia.

HOW CAN YOU HELP?

Give use your support. We need funding to accomplish our collective goal. You can deposit your donations at any TD Canada Trust branch, account number **80639 004 8063 5228516**. You can also mail us your donations at:

**Multi-Faith Walk Against Violence
15205, Park Lane NW
Calgary, Alberta,
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Walk with us. Are you an individual whose life has been affected by violence? Do you work with an association dedicated to helping victims of violence? Are you a concerned member of society who would also like to make a statement that violence hurts us all? *Walk with us!*

Spread the word. Investigate our website. Do your own research. Make others aware of our walk. Show your solidarity.

We need your help!

WHY SHOULD YOU PARTICIPATE?

Our target is to heighten awareness about the forms and dangers of violence to society and how it affects all of us. You will become a vital part of the movement to create awareness. Our walk will also present a forum for you or your association to make the public aware of your particular role in counteracting the impact of violence in the world.

TELL US YOUR STORY

We invite you to visit our website and tell us about your own feelings on violence. Do you have a story to tell?

Tell it to us.

Is there a verse from the scriptures of your faith that is particularly relevant to our cause?

Share it with us.

Call 1-877-WALK ALL

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or **visit** our website at

www.walkagainstviolence.com

Peace be upon you all