



#### 16 DAYS OF ACTIVISM AGAINST GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women and children experience gender-based violence at disproportionately high rates, driven by the ongoing impacts of colonisation, dispossession, and systemic inequality. 16 Days of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence is an annual global campaign that calls on individuals, communities and organisations to unite against gender-based violence.

We invite you to take the opportunity to personally and collectively reflect on the ways we can unite with First Nations women and children to end gender-based violence in our homes, workplaces, schools, churches, and communities.

Reflect on our strength, how we honour, value and uplift First Nations women and children, and how we continue to build safe and strong communities.

We encourage you to host a Yarning Circle, or reflection session, using some or all of the reflective question cards below.

**#UNITEWITHFIRSTNATIONSCOMMUNITIES** 

WHO ARE THE STRONG WOMEN IN MY FAMILY? WHY ARE THEY **STRONG WOMEN?** 

## HOW CAN WE CELEBRATE STRONG BLACK WOMEN?

HOW DO WE RESPOND WHEN **VIOLENCE** HAPPENS? HOW CAN WE STAND TOGETHER IN SUPPORT?

### WHAT ROLES CAN OUR PEOPLE PLAY IN **TEACHING HEALTHY RELATIONSHIPS?**

### WHAT YARN **ABOUT VIOLENCE** AM I AVOIDING? WHO PAYS THE COST FOR MY COMFORT?

# WHAT DOES IT LOOK LIKE TO HAVE PEOPLE WALK ALONGSIDE US?

WHAT LOCAL **ABORIGINAL ORGANISATIONS** OR INITIATIVES CAN WE SUPPORT DURING AND BEYOND THE 16 DAYS CAMPAIGN?

WHAT WOULD OUR FAITH COMMUNITY LOOK LIKE IF EVERY FIRST NATIONS WOMAN AND CHILD EXPERIENCED THE SALVATION ARMY AS A PLACE WHERE SAFETY, DIGNITY, AND SUPPORT ARE NOT JUST OFFERED. **BUT GUARANTEED?** 

### HOW CAN OUR FAITH COMMUNITY SUPPORT THE TRUTH-TELLING PROCESS?