

The Waterfall Tapestry:

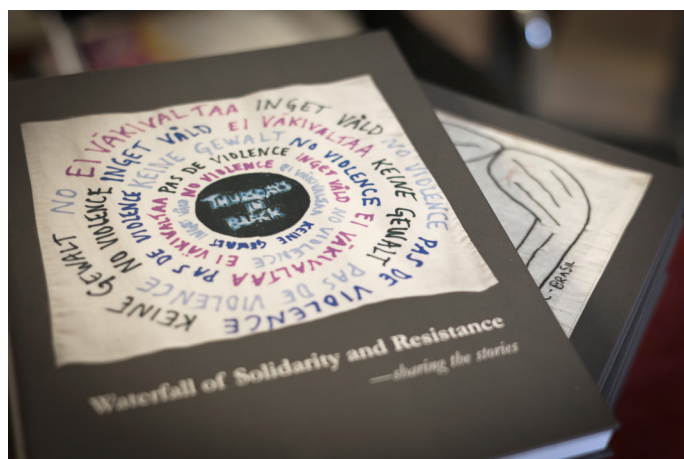
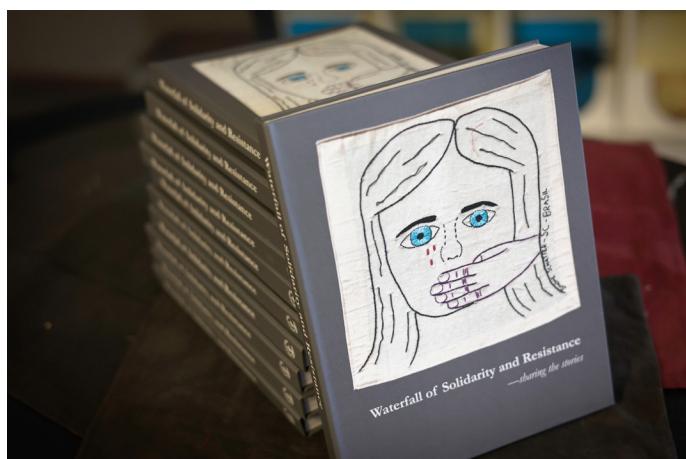
Help Raise Awareness of Sexual and Gender-Based Violence

Over six meters wide and five meters long, a tapestry with more than 180 panels was hand-crafted by people all over the world who shared personal pain and hope to overcome sexual and gender-based violence. The Thursdays in Black Waterfall of Solidarity and Resistance was launched at the World Council of Churches 11th Assembly in Karlsruhe, Germany, in September 2022.

The tapestry was then displayed in the Ecumenical Centre in Geneva, where staff and visitors alike have been profoundly moved both by individual panels and the solidarity that the tapestry represents.

Recognizing that the tapestry and the stories behind the panels can make a profound contribution to our collective efforts to overcome sexual and gender-based violence, the World Council of Churches has developed further resources for church and community settings, at international events and even in homes.

Help us to spread awareness, solidarity, and change by using and promoting these resources in your church, organization, and network.



Photos: Gregoire de Fombelle

Waterfall of Solidarity and Resistance – Sharing the Stories

Many of the panels came with extraordinarily poignant stories. A survivor of abuse lamenting what she lost for so long but has now recovered. School children drawing passionate anti-abuse messages and promoting a helpline. A church pastor bringing his congregation together to reflect on how violence can affect everyone. And the artist and seamstress who sewed all the panels together in prayer and love.

These stories and reflections behind the tapestry are now movingly presented in a hard-cover, artistically-presented book. Whether read for inspiration or displayed on a table for multiple people to read and learn, the book gives further dignity and impact to the Waterfall Tapestry.

Two different cover versions are available. The publication is currently available in English and funds from the sale of the book will go towards making the text available in other languages.

Individual copies of the book are 50 CHF. Discount is available for bulk orders of 10 or more. Copies may be ordered online at: www.oikoumene.org/resources/publications/waterfall-of-solidarity-and-resistance



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Visitors to the Ecumenical Centre can purchase the publication directly from WCC Communication.

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Poster and Banner Exhibition

The size of the entire tapestry limits the venues that can display it. To enable many more organizations and venues – from churches and schools to public plazas and government buildings – to be able to display the stories and messages of the tapestry, the WCC has developed a poster and roll-up banner exhibit set that shares the variety of panels and moving words from their creators. Print-ready versions of this exhibit are already available for organizations to produce themselves.

The posters - 70x100cm - can be printed on a variety of materials for different settings. [View here.](#)

The roll-up banners are 85x200cm: [View here.](#)



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Displaying the full tapestry

The tapestry in its entirety can be displayed at key locations and events around the world. The WCC will look at significant venues and timings to highlight the tapestry and its messages to overcome gender-based violence. **Procedures** to ensure the appropriate handling and visibility of the tapestry are online, along with an expression of interest, and a complete promotional kit will be provided to assist hosts.

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Help us spread solidarity and hope

As people committed to ending gender-based violence and as supporters of Thursdays in Black, we hope you would be able to join our vision to share and honour the tapestry stories more widely through the exhibitions and publication. Like the Tapestry itself, these new resources can be effective tools to raise awareness and spark conversations with individuals and groups on sexual and gender-based violence – the first, essential step to changing practices and attitudes.

For more information

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