

## FINAL DECLARATION: WUCWO NORTH AMERICA REGION CONFERENCE 2021

Based upon the Resolutions of the World Union of Catholic Women's Organisations (WUCWO) adopted in General Assembly in Dakar, Senegal, namely Care for Creation; Care for Families, especially the most vulnerable members; Elimination of discrimination and violence against women; and Responding to our call to holiness, the WUCWO North America Region met in Conference in Arlington, Virginia USA on 24 August 2021 and explored these topics through prayer, speakers, interactive workshop and discussion. The persons present, representing Canadian and US member organizations and Spiritual Advisors, came to the following conclusions:

Whereas we recognize that the WUCWO North America Region (Canada and the United States of America) are countries richly blessed in many ways, we acknowledge that we do have large segments of our societies that suffer from lack of awareness and action concerning: Care for Creation, Needs of the vulnerable in families; Prejudice and violence against women; and Our call to holiness and that these issues know no class or social boundary.

We therefore resolve:

1. That we shall continue to encourage our members to **pray** for an increase in knowledge and for action on these issues in our own countries and around the world.
2. That we shall continue to offer our **material and volunteer support** to charities in synch with Catholic values and teachings that work to address these issues.
3. That we shall increase our **educational efforts** concerning the extent and root causes of the issues facing our environment, the most vulnerable, and discrimination and violence against women and that we shall **promote and enable** the fundamental need to explore our call to holiness.
4. That we shall educate our members and organizations with regard to tangible ways to assist the vulnerable in families, victims of violence and prejudice, and our Earth. This education will include learning the signs to recognize persons at risk and the best means to address their immediate and long-term needs through established and proven programs; the import of those programs to areas where they do not presently exist but are needed; and the supply of sound information concerning the threats to our Earth and the steps needed to mitigate these threats.
5. That we shall **advocate** strongly on the local, national, regional and international levels to end prejudice and injustice in our societies that promote the unfair and inequitable treatment of our fellow human beings.
6. That we shall **dedicate** ourselves in prayer and in work to establish a region and a world where all human beings are treated with the dignity inherent in their beings as children of God and where all persons can achieve that mission for which they were created in a world that reflects the original intent of God to provide an environment of beauty and health for all.
7. North America's WUCWO Member Organizations will strive to be better mentors to all by showing and sharing Christ's love in our lives. We shall strive to **practice** holiness.

