

Faith Community Action Guide



World Elder Abuse Awareness Day National Weekend of Prayer and Action for Elder Justice

Communicate

- ▶ Speak about the humanity in each person as we age, at every age
- ▶ Address honoring our parents
- ▶ Talk about the special bond between grandparents and grandchildren
- ▶ Speak to the lessons learned through and from the generations
- ▶ Discuss interdependence through the life course
- ▶ Break the silence about elder abuse so people feel safe telling their stories

Share

- ▶ Post resource information in your bulletin or newsletter
- ▶ Hang informational posters up in the bathrooms where they can be read in private
- ▶ Educate congregants about the warning signs and where to get help

Engage

- ▶ Facilitate intergenerational connection through service projects, learning and study
- ▶ Host a book club meeting or movie group on aging or caregiving
- ▶ Hold a WEAAD awareness event in your congregation
- ▶ Coordinate a “Walk for WEAAD” event

Connect

- ▶ Bring in speakers to address issues around aging, ageism, and abuse
- ▶ Share resources about elder abuse
- ▶ Provide congregants with contacts from reporting agencies
- ▶ Provide congregants with information about local supports and shelters

Celebrate

- ▶ Highlight the lives and experiences of older congregants
- ▶ Suggest ways that your faith tradition supports, honors, and respects older adults
- ▶ Address the joys of intergenerational activities



Speak out. Name abuse. Provide support.

Elder abuse harms relationships and covenants in our families and communities.
Aging with dignity and respect is our right; Elder justice is everyone's responsibility.