National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women

Program of Service

Mi'kmaw Opening Ceremony

Prayer, drumming, and song by Elder Julie Pellissier-Lush, Poet Laureate of Prince Edward Island

"When you looked at me did you see me?"

Poem by an anonymous survivor of violence, selected and read by Debbie Langston, Chairperson of the PEI Advisory Council on the Status of Women

Welcoming Remarks

By Debbie Langston, Chairperson Participants at home are invited to light a candle or bring another light into their space as they watch the video

Musical Accompaniment

Piano music by Todd MacLean

"Where Violence Persists, What Women Do"

Commentary by Debbie Langston, Chairperson

"Mauve"

Presentations & Performances of Remembrance

Musical performance by NS/PEI singer-songwriter Jenn Grant, in remembrance of the victims of the April mass shooting in Portapique and neighbouring communities

"Supporting Survivors Saves Lives"

Guest speaker Roxanne Carter-Thompson, Executive Director of the Adventure Group

"Famine Song"

Musical performance by Sirens Choral Ensemble, accompanying highlights from candle-lighting for victims of violence



Geneviève Bergeron (1989)

Hon. Natalie Jameson, Minister Responsible for Status of Women

Hélène Colgan (1989)

Victims of the Montreal Massacre

Hon. Dennis King, Premier of Prince Edward Island Nathalie Croteau (1989)

MLA Karla Bernard, Office of the Official Opposition Barbara Daigneault (1989)

MLA Gord McNeilly, Office of the Third Party

Maud Haviernick (1989) Chief Darlene Bernard, Lennox Island First Nation

Chief Dahene Bernard, Lennox Island First Nation

Anne-Marie Edward (1989)

Sarah Stewart-Jackson, Native Council of PEI

Barbara Klucznik-Widajewicz (1989)

Mayor Philip Brown, City of Charlottetown Maryse Laganière (1989)

Chief Superintendent Jennifer Ebert, RCMP "L" Division Maryse Leclair (1989)

Constable Melissa Craswell, Charlottetown City Police Anne-Marie Lemay (1989)

Dr. Wendy Verhoek-Oftedahl, outgoing PEI Family Violence Prevention Coordinator

Sonia Pelletier (1989)

Susan Maynard, Victim Services

Michèle Richard (1989)

Michelle Harris-Genge, Premier's Action Committee on Family Violence Prevention

Annie St-Arneault (1989)

Dr. Rachael Crowder, PEI Rape and Sexual Assault Centre

Annie Turcotte (1989)

Kelly MacAulay, survivor of a killer, and Danya O'Malley, Family Violence Prevention Services

Traci Lynch (2015)

Judy Clow, family member of the murdered woman, and Georgina Bowness, Victim Services

Maurean MacDonnell (2011)

Meghan MacDonnell, daughter of the murdered woman, and Donna MacLeod, friend of the murdered woman

Chrystal Dawn Beairsto (2002)

Sweta Daboo, PEI Coalition for Women in Government **Debbie Holmes (2001)**

Gary Holmes and Aimee Holmes, son and daughter-in-law

of the murdered woman

Kimberly Ann Byrne (2000)

Kerri Byrne, Margaret Byrne, and Jamie Byrne, mother and siblings of the murdered woman

Mary Waite (2000)

Eileen LeClair, UPSE Silent Witness Program

Della Waddell (1998)

Sandy Kowalik, neighbour of murdered woman, and Jillian Kilfoil, Women's Network PEI

Shirley Ann Duguay (1994)

Sr. Norma Gallant, Justice Options for Women

Elaine Myers (1991)

Marguerite Atchison, PEI Federated Women's Institutes

Carrie Ellen Crossman (1989)

Judy Crossman, sister of the murdered woman

Peace on Earth

Sofia Mohamed, PEI Association for Newcomers to Canada

All Survivors of Violence

Brandy Beazley, survivor and advocate

Missing & Murdered Indigenous Women & Girls

Debbie Langston, PEI Advisory Council on the Status of Women

First mourn, then work for change.

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PRAYER & POEM CREDITS

- "Seven Sacred Teachings Prayer": written and presented by Julie Pellissier-Lush
- "When you looked at me did you see me?": written by an anonymous survivor, used by permission, special to the PEIACSW

MUSIC CREDITS

- "Think of Us": written by Julie Pellissier-Lush and Richard Lush, performed by Julie Pellissier-Lush
- "Montreal Massacre Memorial Themes": piano music composed, performed, and recorded by Todd MacLean
- "Mauve": written and performed by Jenn Grant, recorded by Daniel Ledwell, Echo Lake Production, Lake Echo, NS
- "Famine Song": written by a quartet of women called VIDA and inspired by the stories of Sudanese basket weavers who expressed the pain and hope experienced by those in the famine of the 1980s. Arranged by Matthew Culloton. Performed by Sirens Choral Ensemble, from their recording *Boundless*, produced by Jeff Reilly

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