***Again Jesus spoke to them, saying, ‘I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness but will have the light of life.’ John 8:12***

Following the path of Jesus is a commitment to live in ways which mirror our experience of God’s hope-filled, life-giving light found in Christ. As Jesus’ followers we are called to shine God’s light on the shadowy and dark places in our communities and to work for change.

**The Presbyterian Church of Aotearoa New Zealand has made commitments over the last decade to shine a light on issues such as family violence.**

For example, the General Assembly in 2016, through the work of the late Very Rev Andrew Norton, adopted the *Justice in Action:* ***We Say Yes***statement, which includes these words: ‘*we say yes to safe and loving families. We say no to family violence.*

*Therefore we support white ribbon and neighbours days and conversation in our communities that break the silence on family violence.’*

We hope that you will join with us in supporting this year’s White Ribbon campaign and help to shine the light of Christ on family violence.

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