



# WOMEN OF COURAGE

KAIROS Women of Courage Tour to Canada  
October 11-29 2011:

Building alliances between generations and across borders

The Women of Courage cross-Canada tour in October 2011 will bring together women human rights defenders and KAIROS partners from South Sudan, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, the Philippines, and Indigenous and migrant women human rights defenders from Canada. These courageous women will explore issues of gender-based violence, conflict, militarization and colonization as well as talking about their experiences as women human rights defenders and their roles building peace in their communities and beyond. The tour will focus on building alliances between generations as well as across borders, highlighting the messages and vision these women wish to pass on to future generations.

The tour that will take place from October 11-29 is built around the experiences and work of three international partners. From South Sudan, Rebecca Nyagai Yol Kafi visits us as the Women's Representative of the Sudan Council of Churches. Vernie Yocogan-Diano, a KAIROS partner from the Philippines is an Indigenous Kankanaey-Bontoc woman. Vernie is an important voice in uniting international and Canadian struggles for Indigenous rights. Chantal Bilulu, a representative of Héritiers de la justice in the DRC will be joining the Women of Courage tour with her expertise on protecting the human rights of women in conflict zones.

In the more than two weeks between the first stop in Victoria and the final stop in Montreal, we will meet with migrant justice and Indigenous advocacy, community and civil society partners. The participants of this tour embody the contributions women make in the struggle against violence and for global justice and peace. We will visit Indigenous communities on Vancouver Island and in Saskatchewan to share stories of the fights that Indigenous women all over the world face. This is an opportunity to connect across borders and generations, both in our own communities and around the globe.

We hope that you are able to help us promote these events in your communities! Please keep checking [www.kairoscanada.org](http://www.kairoscanada.org) for more information, local event posters, and a detailed schedule in the coming weeks.

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