

WFPW Togo's International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women

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As part of the celebration of the International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women, the Women's Federation for World Peace in Togo, in collaboration with the Peace Ambassadors who were nominated in March 2016 by the WFPW TOGO, organized an event on November 25th, 2016, in a market place in Lomé to help sales women to realize the meaning and purpose of this day. All the preparation were done by the President of the WFPW Togo, Mrs. Flore Antonio and the Ambassador for Peace, Christine Agné MENSAN-ATOEME.

During the event, Mrs. Antonio spoke about the WFPW and its activities around the world and set the framework for the day's meeting. The Ambassador for Peace spoke about the women rights of women, the different types of violence against women and the legal provisions to protect women in relation to succession, when husband in the family pass away. Because sometimes members of the husband's family disinherit the wife and take all the property owned by the husband and kick the children and wife out or push them to divorce etc.

Mrs. Antonio focused on women's responsibilities to avoid violence against her because often the failure to fulfill responsibilities as wife and mother leads to conflicts, which lead to violence. She also urged women to avoid verbal violence, because some women insulted their husbands in front of their children and neighbors. She asked them to make efforts to love their husbands, and children, in order to create peace and harmony within the family.

She also emphasized that women must ensure the education of their children and clothing especially for girls as they expose their bodies by wearing short skirts, showing off their bodies.



During the debate and the Q&A session, participants asked interesting questions, about the relationship between husband and wife, about the infidelity of the husband. They wanted to know the attitude to be taken towards an unfaithful husband who maintains another woman and does not take care of her family. And Ambassadors for Peace and the members of the WFPW Togo offered satisfactory answers. During this time, many experiences have been shared by Ambassadors for Peace to further inform women.

Participants appreciated this event and asked a lot of questions about the relationship between husband and wife, about the infidelity of the husband. They wanted to know the attitude to be taken towards an unfaithful husband who maintains another woman and does not take care of her family.

Ambassadors for Peace and some members of the WFP Togo offered satisfactory answers. They asked participants not to seek to divorce and leave the children in suffering but to love and serve the husband in order to bring him back. They asked to reason and not to seek to divorce and leave the children in suffering.

At the end, participants expressed their satisfaction at having participated in this very rich debate and asked the WFP to have more such programs, because they are dealing with a lots of problems within their families and they wish to find solutions.

We will conduct periodic education programs for these women and will teach them about family values and the Divine Principle as well.

Some journalists from the public and private media in Lome, were among the participants and interviewed the organizer at during the event.

