



Standing Our Holy Ground Webinar Series

A Conversation with the Sandy Hook Promise

April 15, 2020 at 2 pm (EST)

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The Sandy Hook Promise aims to honor all victims of gun violence by turning the tragedy at Sandy Hook elementary school in Newton, CT in 2012 into a moment of transformation by providing programs and practices that protect children from gun violence. The organization supports sensible program and policy solutions that address the “human side” of gun violence by preventing individuals from ever getting to the point of picking up a firearm to hurt themselves or others. This episode of “Standing Our Holy Ground” will explore the history of the organization, what the Sandy Hook Promise teaches in its programs for children and adults, and how churches can apply the organization’s initiatives to the context of the faith community.

Panelist Background



Donald Gaffney is an ordained minister in the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). Born and raised in Newtown, CT, he attended Sandy Hook Elementary School from first grade through fourth grade and became active in gun violence prevention following the massacre at that school on December 14, 2012. Don has concentrated on engaging Christians on issues surrounding guns and gun violence primarily through workshops, small groups, and one-on-one conversations. In spring of 2019, his book *“Common Ground: Talking About Gun Violence in America”* was published by Westminster John Knox Press.



Nicole Hockley, mother of Dylan Hockley, killed at Sandy Hook Elementary School, is Managing Director of Sandy Hook Promise (SHP), a national gun violence prevention non-profit that delivers prevention programs to schools around the country, free of cost. Nicole joined SHP in January of 2013, just weeks after the tragedy. She has had the honor of giving multiple TEDx talks on gun safety and knowing the signs of someone who may be in crisis, or planning violence toward themselves or others, as well as dozens of speaking engagements and trainings at schools around the country. She works to ensure that no other parents will have to endure the pain of losing a child to preventable gun violence.

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