



Standing Our Holy Ground Webinar Series

What Churches Can Do to Address Gun Violence: Active & Creative Strategies

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Gun violence may appear to be an impossible problem. But congregations can and already are taking action to address gun violence in their own communities and throughout the United States. This webinar in the "Standing Our Holy Ground" series will discuss actions that congregations can take locally and nationally to address gun violence including partnerships, advocacy, and community engagement.

Panelist Background



Whether as a pastor, youth minister, chaplain, program director, retreat leader or grant writing consultant **Margery Rossi's** driving principle remained the same through her career: to spark meaningful engagement and change for the common good. Currently, she serves as Pastor to the First Presbyterian Church of Wappingers Falls, NY. Previously, Margery was the pastor at the Stony Point Presbyterian Church. She has served on various committees and as Moderator for Hudson River Presbytery and is involved in regional, national and international mission and partnership efforts in Peacemaking and Church Change. Currently, Margery moderates the Presbyterian Peace Fellowship Gun Violence Prevention Working Group. She has led vigils for victims of gun violence, leads workshops for congregations & has helped create the PC(USA) policy on gun violence prevention and intervention.



Roy Howard has been a pastor, social worker, counselor and group facilitator since 1978. He is currently a trained coach with the International Coaching Federation, a certified facilitator for Healthy Congregations, and an Enneagram teacher, as well as a pastor. He is trained in family systems theory and has led several pastor groups in this method. Over the years Roy has applied these skills in a variety of settings with individuals as well as groups. He has been a primary leader in Gun Violence Prevention work with the congregation, Presbytery and local community for many years. His deep call is to be a generative person, facilitating the growth of leadership skills and spiritual depth in those who work with him. In recent years, he has applied the Enneagram to his coaching, counseling and group consultation.



Bryan Miller is Executive Director of Heeding God's Call to End Gun Violence, the faith-based and grassroots movement to prevent gun violence. Bryan left a twenty-five year career in international business after his brother was one of three law enforcement officers killed in a 1994 massacre at Washington, DC police headquarters by a lone gunman wielding a concealed assault pistol. Bryan led Ceasefire NJ, a secular gun violence prevention organization in New Jersey, where his tenure was marked by success in enacting many new gun regulations, leading NJ to have among the lowest per capita rates of gun death in the country. He co-founded Heeding in 2009, which used faithful public pressure to force federal authorities to shutter Philadelphia's most notorious gun shop. Heeding uses various activities to get people of all faiths into activism to prevent gun violence. Heeding currently has volunteer chapters in Philadelphia and its suburbs, Harrisburg and Greater Washington, DC.



Corneilius Scott is the founder and executive director of the Family Survivor Network, a Baltimore nonprofit that offers clinical and spiritual support to individuals and families impacted by violence. He has over 25 years of professional training. Previously, as executive director for Mothers of Murdered Sons and Daughters, he developed the organization's model for survivor support. Corneilius was impacted by violence when his son was a victim of a hand-gun assault. Violence struck also down one of Scott's mentees. These experiences are what inspire him and drive his passion, advocacy and support for families impacted by senseless violence.

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