



Standing Our Holy Ground Webinar Series

How to Talk About Gun Violence in Your Church

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Due to the fear of gun violence, some congregations lock their doors during worship. Some churches have armed guards. Others post signs stating guns are not allowed on the property. But for people of faith to prepare for possible incidents of gun violence in our houses of worship, we must first have the tools and the language to productively discuss it in our own congregations. This webinar in the “Standing Our Holy Ground” series will discuss how we can talk about gun violence in our churches and explore various methods of church safety and preparedness for gun violence.

Panelist Background



Emily Brewer is the Executive Director of the Presbyterian Peace Fellowship, an organization that has worked for peace with justice in the PC(USA) and world for 75 years. For the last 10 years, PPF has been engaged in gun violence prevention in Presbyterian communities, working with ecumenical and secular partners. PPF is available for resources and support to individual and congregations looking to engage on the issue of gun violence in our communities.



Katie Day is an academic, a minister and a gun violence prevention activist. She recently retired from the faculty of the United Lutheran Seminary in Philadelphia, where she taught in the area of Church and Society. As a sociologist and public theologian she has focused her teaching and research on the intersection of religion, race and violence. Since 2010, she has been studying the relationship between “God and Guns” and has published her findings in several journals. Her most recent project looks at how communities of faith are making sense of safety and security in light of the increase in high profile shootings in houses of worship (“The Body Armor of Christ,” supported by the Louisville Institute). Katie has served on the board, and as chair, of Heeding God’s Call to End Gun Violence. She is honored to have had a major role in the production of “Gun Violence, Gospel Values,” passed by the General Assembly in 2010.



Virginia Classick has a B.A. in theology and a master's degree in social work. She has been involved in gun violence prevention for 25 years. She has served as Chair of the Gun Violence Prevention Task Force at All Saints Church, Pasadena, and currently Co-chairs the Gun Violence Prevention Task Force of the Episcopal Diocese of Los Angeles, and the San Fernando Valley Chapter of the Brady Campaign to Prevent Gun Violence.



Sarah Logemann is the pastor at First United Methodist Church in Miles City, Montana. She has worked in congregational ministry with children, youth, and adults since 2005. Her ministry experiences have taken her from Seattle to Ohio, New York City, and now Montana. She earned a B.A. in Project Management from Malone University and a Masters of Divinity from Princeton Theological Seminary. Sarah writes Christian Education curriculum, consults churches in transition, and teaches on the issue of gun violence. She is the author of G-NS: A Resource for Generous Dialogue about Gun Violence, an adaptable curriculum from the PCUSA designed to help campus pastors and chaplains engage college-age students on the topic of gun violence.

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