



GUN VIOLENCE

is an epidemic that is the nexus of a public health, mental health, racism, youth, poverty, and social justice crisis. **“Standing Our Holy Ground”** is a year-long webinar series that challenges the faith community to stand up against this far-reaching crisis of our day.

Touching on a large variety of topics and utilizing those at the forefront of the work and research, this comprehensive series delves deeply into the epidemic of gun violence and explores the ways in which we, as people of faith and the communities to which we belong, can respond and act to bring about change.

REGISTRATION IS FREE

Each one-hour webinar is free to view in real-time or later in recorded format. Each webinar features knowledgeable and experienced presenters and includes time for questions and suggested action steps. For a complete list of webinars, visit presbyterianmission.org/standingourholyground

WEBINAR SCHEDULE

JULY 2019

Young People and Campuses Stand Up to Gun Violence

AUGUST 2019

The Ripple Effects of Gun Violence in Urban Contexts

SEPTEMBER 2019

The Theological Grounding of Our Gun Violence Policies

OCTOBER 2019

The “Mental Health” Myth: The Role of Mental Health in Gun Violence and How the Media Often Gets It Wrong

NOVEMBER 2019

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

NOVEMBER 2019

Ministries of Gun Violence Prevention: A Discussion with PC(USA) Leaders on Addressing Gun Violence

DECEMBER 2019

The Impact of Gun Violence on LGBTQ+ Communities

JANUARY 2020

How to Talk About Gun Violence in Your Church

FEBRUARY 2020

Law Enforcement Stands Up to Gun Violence

MARCH 2019

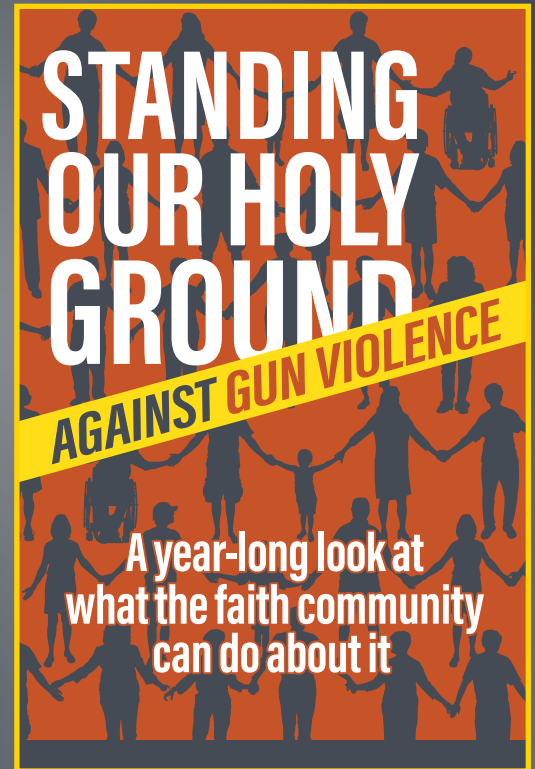
The Racial Divide in Gun Violence

MAY 2020

One Step at a Time: The Trauma Recovery and Rebuilding Process in the Wake of Gun Violence

JUNE 2020

Too Close to Home: Guns and Domestic Violence



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10 THINGS YOU CAN DO TO PREVENT GUN VIOLENCE

1. Contact your representative in the U.S. Congress and ask that they support:
 - a. Universal background checks and waiting periods for all gun purchases;
 - b. A ban on semiautomatic assault weapons, armor piercing handgun ammunition, and .50 caliber sniper rifles.
2. Identify the organizations in your community engaged in gun violence prevention and get involved.
3. Attend a peaceful demonstration or public prayer service to end gun violence.
4. Contact your mayor and city council members and demand that steps be taken in your community to prevent gun violence.
5. Help close the gun show loophole that allows purchases with NO BACKGROUND CHECKS.
6. Plan a screening of *Trigger: The Ripple Effect of Gun Violence* for your group or organization. Visit **pcusa.org/storyproductions** to get suggestions and resources on hosting a screening.
7. Join or form a local chapter of Heeding God's Call, a faith-based movement to end gun violence. Visit **heedinggodscall.org** for more information.
8. Ask the leaders of your worshiping community to address gun violence in worship services (with periodic preaching, liturgies, and prayers) and education classes. Resources can be found at **presbyterianmission.org/gun-violence-resources**.
9. Learn about your state's concealed carry laws, which may allow guns to be carried openly, including into houses of worship. Encourage your places of work and worship to prominently display signs that prohibit carrying guns onto their property.
10. Encourage those you know (citizens, hunters, and law enforcement officials) who regularly handle weapons properly to be wise examples in reducing risks and teaching how to prevent the misuse of deadly force.

All suggestions are based upon the recommendations approved by the 219th General Assembly (2010) in *Gun Violence, Gospel Values: Mobilizing in Response to God's Call*. To acquire additional copies, order **PDS 24-052-11-002** at **pcusa.org/store**.

