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God not Guns Sabbath
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The God Not Guns Coalition seeks to raise awareness of gun violence as a spiritual and moral crisis. We call on every congregation, synagogue, mosque, and gathering of people of faith to work toward a peaceable society where all children have the opportunity to grow and prosper, and where everyone can live without fear of being cut down by firearm violence.

WHY JOIN THE GOD NOT GUNS

The loss of nearly 30,000 Americans each year to gun violence demands a prophetic response from the faith community. Our challenge is to call people of faith to action, to awaken them to the spiritual issues at the core of gun violence, and to give them the necessary tools to build vital gun violence prevention ministries in their congregations and communities.

WHY SHOULD YOU BE CONCERNED ABOUT GUN VIOLENCE?

BECAUSE the rate of firearm deaths among children 0-14 years old is nearly TWELVE times higher in the United States than in 25 other industrialized countries combined.

BECAUSE the suicide rate for children 0-14 years old is TWICE as high in the U.S. than in 25 other industrialized countries combined. There is no difference in the non-firearm suicide rate between the U.S. and the 25 other countries. Virtually all the difference is attributable to suicides being committed with guns in the U.S.

BECAUSE we are losing eight children a day to gun related deaths!

BECAUSE we can not do this work alone. Your prayerful and spiritual fortitude is necessary as we seek to create the Divine vision of a safe and peaceful kingdom.

WHO SHOULD JOIN THE COALITION ?

- ✦ Anyone or any entity that views gun violence as a moral crisis .
- ✦ Anyone or any group that wishes to be a voice in the work to stop senseless gun deaths.
- ✦ Anyone or any spiritual community that seeks to ensure that all children and families can live in safety and in the security of the Divine kingdom.

WHAT CAN YOU AND YOUR FAITH COMMUNITY DO?

- ✦ Join the God Not Guns Coalition
- ✦ Participate in and host a God Not Guns Sabbath Worship Service (get a free worship guide)
- ✦ Plan a Bell Ringing Event
- ✦ Hold a vigil against violence
- ✦ Organize a non-violence ministry with a focus on addressing the most prevalent and deadly weapon available, guns
- ✦ Create a Clergy Response Team to assist the community and congregation members in the event of a shooting and /or homicide
- ✦ Plant a remembrance garden for victims of gun violence
- ✦ Organize a Hands Without Guns Project Visit www.godnotguns.org for more information on planning a gun violence prevention activity.

Host a God Not Guns Sabbath the Last Weekend September 2008

The God Not Guns Sabbath is an annual, multi-faith event and that takes place in communities across the country that asks us as individuals and as a community to reflect on the epidemic of gun violence that plagues our country, our world and the spiritual and moral crisis that this rampant disregard for life represents.

Hosting a God Not Guns Sabbath will encourage and provide your community with the spiritual tools to help create a peaceful, non-violent and loving society where all children have the opportunity to grow and prosper, and where everyone can live without fear of being cut down by firearm violence

Please visit www.godnotguns.org to get God Not Guns Sabbath Guide.

GOD NOT GUNS SABBATH GUIDE CONTAINS:

- A God Not Guns Sabbath worship guide
- Scripture references and reflections
- Ideas for individual /congregational activity
- Resources and bibliography
- Prayers and liturgy
- Reflections of gun violence victims
- Sample announcements
- Sample resolutions
- Action plans for continued work in your community to reduce gun violence and save lives.



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