How We Can End our Pandemic of Gun Violence
A Conference for People of Faith & Conscience

Saturday, October 8
9:00am – 3:30pm
Schedule on back

Asylum Hill Congregational Church
814 Asylum Ave. in Hartford
(plenty of free parking)

Registration $20 (no one turned away for lack of funds — everyone is welcome)
To register and for driving directions:
• go to www.ahcc.org/event/9770
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Please mail checks, payable to AHCC (Oct. 8 Conference in memo line) to
814 Asylum Ave. Hartford, CT 06105

Keynote speakers

US Senator Chris Murphy

Rev. James Atwood, retired Presbyterian minister, Coalition to Stop Gun Violence board member, and author of America and Its Guns: A Theological Exposé. How Did We Get Here? America’s Fascination With Violence

Rev. Matt Crebbin, Senior Minister, Newtown Congregational Church, UCC Newtown, CT Why Theology Matters - Theology, Gun Violence and the Realm of God

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8:30-9:00 AM Registration & Light Breakfast
9:00 Welcome & Opening Litany (Rev. Matthew Laney)
9:15-9:40 - U.S. Senator Chris Murphy
9:45-10:45 - “How Did We Get Here? America’s Fascination with Violence” (Rev. Jim Atwood)
10:45-11:00 - Break
11:00-11:30 - “Why Theology Matters - Gun Violence and the Realm of God” (Rev. Matt Crebbin)
11:30 - 11:35 - Short Break
11:35-11:50 - Music by Footsteps of Peace Festival Choir
   Joel Thompson’s “Seven Last Words of the Unarmed”
11:50 - Walk one block to vigil site
11:55-12:20 - Vigil of Remembrance & Recommitment (Bishop Jim Curry and soloist Alicia Graves)
12:30-1:15 — Lunch
1:30- 2:15 – Workshops
   2) Racism and New Strategies for Policing in Urban America (Tiana Hercules, Esq. with HPD Deputy Chiefs Foley and Ford and Rev. Henry Brown, Mothers United Against Violence) Law enforcement and a community advocate will model constructive dialog and discuss ways the Hartford Police Department is working to improve training for their officers and improve community relations.
   3) Preaching/Teaching about Gun Violence in the Faith Community (Rev. Jim Atwood) Why do we have so much angst addressing a social problem that kills 33,000 Americans every year? We lost 4,500 Americans in our 7½ years of war in Iraq. In the same time frame 220,500 Americans died at the barrels of guns at home. What does a nonviolent Jesus call His church to do? We will discuss the risks and rewards of addressing America’s gun pandemic.
   4) Suicide and Guns (Rev. Matt Crebbin) Each year approximately two-thirds of all gun deaths in the US are suicides. This workshop will explore public health and gun safety policies that may help to reduce gun suicides. Topics to be explored: gun storage, domestic violence, mental health access and support, as well as common myths about the nature of suicide.

2:15-2:30-Break

2:30—Large group reporting about workshops

2:45-3:30 – Closing Panel & Interest Group Conversations & Commitments