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# GOD'S MISSION

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**CHALLENGING VIOLENCE OF EVERY KIND**

## Resource Sheet for Challenging Violence

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### WEBSITES

<https://www.episcopalct.org/Beliefs-and-Practices/Challenging-Violence/>

- includes link to booklet used in Way of the Cross in Washington DC

<http://www.challengingviolence.org/>

- resources collected following Sandy Hook Tragedy
- links to organizations and tools for advocacy

<http://epfnational.org/>

- a wealth of resources for learning and advocacy
- Episcopal curriculum for parishes regarding gun violence

<http://www.diomass.org/b-peace>

- inspiration from a great program in Diocese of Massachusetts

<https://www.episcopalrelief.org>

- particularly their [Disaster Response Curriculum](#)

### BOOKS

Atwood, James E., and Walter Brueggemann. *America and its guns: a theological expose*. Eugene, Ore: Cascade Books, 2012.

Pearson, Sharon E., ed. *Reclaiming the gospel of peace: challenging the epidemic of gun violence*. New York: Morehouse Publishing, 2015.

### QUESTIONS TO ASK

- How might my words and actions be contributing to a culture of violence?
  - Am I focused on a “target”?
  - Do I use the word “kill” flippantly?
  - How do I express my anger?
- How can I and my worshipping community promote peace in our local context?
  - Is our church a gun free zone?

- If I have children in my care, do I always ensure that any guns are properly stored and locked in my house or houses they might visit?