

Resources on Church Safety

The national setting of the United Church of Christ and several of our partners have offered a number of resources that might help your church as you consider the safety and well-being of the people in your pews.

Tip Sheet from National Disaster Interfaiths Network on active shooters in houses of worship.
http://n-din.org/ndin_resources/tipsheets_v1208/07_NDIN_TS_ActiveShooter.pdf

Michael Readinger, CEO of the Council for Health and Human Services Ministries (CHHSM), forwarded their call to “Pray and Act” the face of this disastrous experience of gun violence, which is a public health emergency. President Trump has called it ironically a mental health issue at a time when administrative actions are stripping away the financial support we need to combat mental health issues! <http://mailchi.mp/5e37339d2aec/communique-2017-gunviolence?e=f24b85c9b2>

The United Church Insurance Board has a great deal of resources on church safety such as:

Responding to an Active Shooter <https://www.insuranceboard.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/06/newsletter-spring-2016-Copy.pdf>

Insurance Board Position on Armed Security <https://www.insuranceboard.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/06/newsletter-spring-2016-Copy.pdf>

What your church should know about gun laws. <https://www.insuranceboard.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/06/newsletter-spring-2016-Copy.pdf>

All of the Insurance Board resources can be downloaded from this page.
<https://www.insuranceboard.org/?s=Active+Shooter>

Want to be more reflective? Read “Everlasting Life Beyond Violence: Keeping Churches Gun Free” by Lindsey Paris Lopez <http://www.patheos.com/blogs/teachingnonviolentatonement/2017/11/everlasting-life-beyond-violence-keeping-churches-gun-free/> or Unafraid: Moving Past Fear-Based Faith by Benjamin L. Corey. <http://www.patheos.com/blogs/formerlyfundie/unafraid-moving-beyond-fear-based-faith-sale-now/>

We have also collected resources on church safety and gun violence <https://www.pinterest.com/holyexperiments/gun-violence/> and how to help children, youth and families address disasters and violence faithfully <https://www.pinterest.com/holyexperiments/talking-with-children-youth-during-crisis/> on the Holy Experiments Pinterest Page.

Not familiar with Pinterest? Here’s how to get started. (But, you don’t need to join pinterest to look at these resources.) <https://help.pinterest.com/en/guide/all-about-pinterest>