

NEW: Gun Violence Awareness Book Study

Thursdays, 12-1 p.m., via Zoom; four weeks starting June 5

June is National Gun Violence Awareness Month. In honor of the month, the diocesan Gun Violence Prevention Task Force is offering its first-ever diocesan-wide book study to commemorate gun violence awareness. The book is [*The Positive Second Amendment: Rights, Regulation, and the Future of Heller*](#) by Joseph Blocher and Darrell Miller, co-founders of the [Duke Center for Firearms Law](#) and leaders of the Gun Violence Prevention Conversation Series installment on the Second Amendment offered earlier this year.

We hope you will join us to discuss this nonpolitical, fact-based and balanced look at what the Second Amendment is and is not, the intentions and factors that went into its creation, and how and why it has changed over the centuries.

[Register.](#)

NEW: Summer Introduction to Dismantling Racism Dates

["Introduction to Dismantling Racism: Reclaiming Our Baptismal Promise"](#) is an interactive workshop, usually offered via Zoom. It is designed to deepen spiritual commitment to dismantling racism as participants in the Jesus Movement. Through presentations, prayer, story sharing, videos and small group discussion, participants explore how the sin of racism impacts all lives.

All class times are 5-8 p.m. on Friday, and 9 a.m.-1:30 p.m. on Saturday:

- June 20-21: [Register](#)
- July 25-26: [Register](#)
- August 8-9: [Register](#)
- September 26-27: [Register](#)

This course fulfills anti-racism training requirements for clergy and other church leaders. For more information, [contact Jenny Beaumont](#), missionary for adult and lifelong formation.

Join the Diocese in the Holy Land

October 23 – November 3

This fall, the Diocese of North Carolina is planning a pilgrimage to the Holy Land led by the Rev. David Umphlett, who will be joined by Bishop Sam Rodman, Bishop Anne Hodges-Copple and pilgrims from across the diocese. The journey includes time at sites that bring Scripture to life, including Jerusalem, Nazareth, the Jordan River and Bethlehem.

The 12-day trip cost includes accommodations, land transportation, fees, tips and guest speakers. The cost is expected to be \$2,845 per person (double occupancy), and travelers are responsible for their own airfare.

Registration will open soon; for more information or to express your interest in this trip, please contact the Rev. David Umphlett. [Learn more.](#)

[Video invitation from Bishop Sam](#)