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Press Release

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Wilmington, DE September 10, 2020: Trinity Episcopal Parish is partnering with Moms Demand Action to announce a joint bell ringing ceremony to be held at Old Swedes church, 606 Church St in Wilmington, DE 19801 at 2:30PM on Sunday, September 20. The ceremony will feature brief introductions and remarks, an opening prayer, then ringing of the historic church bell once for each 2020 incident of gun violence in the city of Wilmington. The goal is to engage with the community which has been shaken by the violence and offer an opportunity for all to heal. Also, a call for conscious action among the powerful, humility among the privileged with ongoing clarity, strength and hope for all in order to contemplate a future without gun violence. This event will be held outdoors, rain or shine. We invite all in the community to attend. Participants will be asked to socially distance 6 feet apart with masks. Extra masks will be available for those who need them.

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Jo and Ed Klinge, long-time Trinity Parish members and Old Swedes church attendees, were motivated to organize a ceremony and engage with the community when they heard about the shooting of four young people one block from the church. Jo said "We have to do something to help and engage with our Old Swedes neighbors in order let them know that we care and want things to improve."

Sarah Stowens, Delaware Leader for Moms Demand Action, said "It is important for us to come together to show our resolve and commitment to end gun violence in all its forms, but we must continue to show up- in our communities and with our legislators."

Please join us at this event as we gather all together at the Old Swedes amphitheater and on the sidewalks at 606 Church Street in Wilmington, DE 19801 at 2:30PM on Sunday, September 20.

Trinity Episcopal Parish mission is to foster competent, confident, and committed followers of Jesus Christ. And to be a vibrant, urban, diverse, and inclusive Episcopal church, with two locations, both dedicated to equipping ourselves to live out our faith in Jesus Christ in our daily lives. Trinity leverages our assets to create space and opportunity for the community both within and outside our walls to engage in the work of the Gospel.

Moms Demand Action is a grassroots movement of Americans fighting for public safety measures that can protect people from gun violence. We pass stronger gun laws and work to close the loopholes that jeopardize the safety of our families. We also work in our own communities and with business leaders to encourage a culture of responsible gun ownership. We know that gun violence is preventable, and we're committed to doing what it takes to keep families safe.