



The Interfaith Alliance for Gun Safety is sponsored by Protect Minnesota, the only independent, state-based grassroots organization dedicated to the prevention of gun violence in Minnesota. Congregations, faith-based organizations and individual believers are invited to join the Interfaith Alliance for Gun Safety and work together to prevent gun violence in Minnesota.

One Minnesotan dies every day of gun violence. As people of faith, we know that these victims were made in the image of God and that their deaths represent an incalculable loss — not just to their families and friends, but also to our Creator and the whole community.


The time has come to speak out and act as the interfaith community.

We will not succeed at passing gun safety legislation—and saving lives—unless we reach out to, organize and mobilize people of faith in our state.

For information about how you and your faith community can get involved in the Interfaith Alliance for Gun Safety, contact info@protectmn.org or go to

www.protectmn.org.

**PROTECT
MINNESOTA**
working together to prevent gun violence



*No More
Moments
of Silence*

**An Interfaith Candlelight Vigil
on the Anniversary of Sandy Hook**

**Wednesday, December 14, 2016
7:30-8:30pm
Mount Zion Temple
1300 Summit Ave, Saint Paul, MN 55105**

**Clergy Workshop—*The First Step or the Next Step*
3:00-5:00pm**

**Dinner and Training—*Leading the Conversation*
5:30-7:15pm Tickets: \$20/adult \$10/youth**

www.protectmn.org/events

On December 14, 2012, the unthinkable happened: 20 children and six adults were gunned down at Sandy Hook Elementary School in Newtown, CT.

On the anniversary of that tragedy, the Interfaith Alliance for Gun Safety invites leaders and people of faith from all traditions to a series of events designed to help us learn to speak honestly and powerfully on the subject of gun violence. For too many years we have observed “moments of silence” in response to thousands of innocent lives lost. The time has come to speak and to act. We hope you will join us on Wednesday, December 14, 2016, for any or all of the events listed here. In the words of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, *“Our lives begin to end the day we become silent about things that matter.”*

7:30-8:30pm

No More Moments of Silence
**Interfaith Candlelight Vigil
in Memory of the Victims of Sandy Hook**

Join people of faith from all traditions as we pray for an end of gun violence and remember the its victims. This will be one of hundreds of registered candlelight vigils across the country commemorating the anniversary of the Sandy Hook shooting. Among other faith leaders, Rev. Rolf Olson will share insights gained in the nine years since his daughter Katherine Ann Olson was shot to death after responding to a Craig’s List ad, and Imam Asad Zaman will inspire us to turn lamentation into action.

Thanks to the planners, presenters and facilitators of these events...

Rabbi Esther Adler, Mount Zion Temple, St. Paul
Rev. Nancy Nord Bence, Executive Director, Protect Minnesota
Rev. Koshin Kelly Casey, Zen Buddhist Priest
Rev. Michael Chan, Ph.D., Asst. Professor of Old Testament, Luther Seminary, St. Paul
Anse Tamara Gray, Founder of Rabata
Zaheer Babar Khan
The Honorable Ron Latz, Minnesota State Senator
Rev. Margy Mattlin, Chair, Interfaith Alliance for Gun Safety
Kim Olstad, St. Paul Interfaith Network
Rev. Rolf Olson, Senior Pastor, Richfield Lutheran Church
Rabbi Alan Shavit-Lonstein, Executive Director, By the Rivers Multifaith Center
Rabbi Adam Stock Spilker, Senior Rabbi, Mount Zion Temple
Rev. Cynthia Bronson Sweigert, Episcopal Church in Minnesota
Lisa Weisman, Board Member, Protect Minnesota
Imam Asad Zaman, Executive Director, Muslim American Society of Minnesota

Also on Wednesday, December 14, 2016

3-5:00pm

The First Step or the Next Step

**A workshop for ordained clergy or
the equivalent from all faith traditions**

Depending on the congregation you serve, it might be difficult to broach the subject of gun violence without being accused of being too “political.” Or, your congregation might already be engaged on the issue of gun violence, but you are wondering what’s next. This workshop will equip you with ideas, tools and strategies to lead your congregation forward with confidence at whatever speed you judge appropriate.

The workshop will include:

- New ways to frame the discussion and change the narrative about gun violence, with an emphasis on the public health approach.
- Resources to assist you in presenting the issue from a non-political view point.
- Theological insights and practical tips to help you lead your congregation forward.
- Facilitated discussion among participants, to share ideas, concerns, and support in a safe, confidential setting.

Free of charge. For more information and to register, go to www.protectmn.org/events and click on “The First Step or the Next Step.”

5:30-7:15pm

Leading the Conversation

Dinner and communications training for all people of faith

If you have no personal experience with gun violence, have you struggled to find words to express your concern about this issue? Are you worried about what we can expect at the Capitol now that pro-gun lawmakers have control of both the State Senate and House of Representatives? During this event, Senator Ron Latz and others will share information about the situation at the state Capitol, gun-related bills that will likely be introduced during the 2017 legislative session, and how to be an effective communicator. Then you will work in a facilitated small group to develop your own talking points and “story.” The election outcome has made it even more important that those who support common sense gun violence prevention are prepared to lead the conversation with their family, friends and congregation. Come and learn how to explain in a confident and compelling way why such “gun rights” bills as Constitutional Carry, Stand Your Ground, and Campus Carry are NOT right for Minnesota.

Adults—\$20.00; Youth—\$10.00. To register, go to www.protectmn.org/events and click on “Leading the Conversation.”