

EPISCOPAL CHURCH – GUN VIOLENCE

Bishops United Against Gun Violence <https://bishopsagainstgunviolence.org/>

Episcopalians Against Gun Violence
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Episcopal Public Policy Network/Office of Governmental Relations

Episcopal Church Policies on Gun Violence

2018 – Advocate for Study of Gun Violence as a Public Health Crisis

2018 – Develop a Shareholder Plan to Affect Gun Manufacturers and Retailers

2017 – Adoption of Sandy Hook Principles

2015 – Support Handgun Purchaser Licensing

2015 – Implement Laws to Decrease Gun Violence

2013 – Reaffirmation of Resolutions Regarding Gun Violence

2012 – Declare Church Sites as Gun-Free Zones

2000 – Urge Government to Prohibit the Export of Handguns

2000 – Request the Removal of Handguns and Assault Weapons

2000 – Express Concern About Availability of Handguns and Assault Weapons

1999 – Response to Gun Violence

1997 – Urge Restriction of Sale, Ownership and Use of Firearms

1997 – Urge Legislation on the Safe Manufacture of Domestic Handguns

1976 – Urge Congress to Adopt Effective Hand Gun Control Legislation

https://www.episcopalchurch.org/ogr/resources-to-respond-to-gun-violence/?fbclid=IwAR3ovhERuiqLyHRvItNYAOamWGQwkQ7LuYFi_LSwhC8RUEUBKAcRG1_Wp8

General Convention 2022

B003 - Regulating Ghost Guns and 3D Printed Guns

Resolved, the House of _____ concurring,

That the parts and kits used to build ghost guns—unserialized and untraceable firearms that can be built by anyone using unfinished frames or receivers—should be banned, and until that is possible, should be subject to full regulation as firearms and subject to all federal regulations that apply to firearms, including all oversight related to the provisions of the Brady Handgun Violence Prevention Act; and be it further

Resolved, that the manufacture of firearms or firearms parts using 3D printers poses a singularly dangerous threat and should be banned, and until that is possible, should be subject to full regulation as firearms and subject to all federal regulations that apply to firearms, including all

oversight related to the provisions of the Brady Handgun Violence Prevention Act; and be it further

Resolved, That the Office of Government Relations, members of the Episcopal Public Policy Network and individual Episcopalians be encouraged to advocate for state and federal legislation that would ban and/or subject the parts and kits used to build homemade weapons to the same oversight and regulation that exists for firearms.

B006 - Investing in State-Level Gun Violence Prevention Advocacy

Resolved, the House of _____ concurring,

That the 80th General Convention urge dioceses of The Episcopal Church across the United States to advocate for safe gun legislation with their state governments; and be it further

Resolved, that the Episcopal Church's Office of Government Relations support domestic dioceses in state-level advocacy against gun violence and other forms of community violence; and be it further

Resolved, to assist the Office of Government Relations in this state-level advocacy against violence, the Joint Standing Commission on Program, Budget, and Finance consider a budget allocation of \$160,000 for the implementation of this resolution.

B007 - Investment in Community Violence Intervention to Prevent Gun Violence

Resolved, the House of _____ concurring,

That the 80th General Convention commend investment in evidence-based community violence intervention programs and strategies that address gun violence as a public health issue; improve physical environments; strengthen anti-violence social norms; engage and support youth; reduce substance abuse; mitigate financial stress; reduce the harmful effects of the justice process; and confront the proliferation of guns; and be it further

Resolved, that the 80th General Convention call upon the Congress and the executive branch to allocate significant federal funding for evidence-based community violence intervention programs and strategies; and be it further

Resolved, that the Office of Government Relations, Episcopal Public Policy Network, dioceses, congregations and individual Episcopalians be encouraged to advocate for funding and public policy to support community violence intervention programs and strategies that have been proven to reduce gun violence.