



Concerned about Gun Violence?

Learn Faith-Based Skills for
Gun Violence Prevention at the
Atwood Institute for Congregational Courage
Harrisonburg, VA Sept. 24-27, 2025

The Presbyterian Peace Fellowship invites you to the [Atwood Institute for Congregational Courage](#) at Massanetta Springs Conference Center in Harrisonburg, VA, Sept. 24-27, 2025. The Institute offers continuing education for clergy and lay leaders on educational, pastoral and action steps for gun violence prevention mission with the local congregation.

Who should come? Lay leaders and teams, parents and grandparents, gun violence survivors, suicide prevention groups, gun owners, safety advocates, veterans, pastors, youth leaders---people of faith who are committed to saving lives. All denominations are welcome.



Photo: 2024 Atwood Institute Graduates at Ghost Ranch, NM. They returned to their churches with new skills, courage and friends in the ministry of gun violence prevention.

See a short video from last year's participants [HERE](#).

Find a story from Presbyterian News Service [HERE](#).

2025 Atwood Institute Leaders Include: Rev. Sharon Risher, author of *For Such a Time as This: Hope and Forgiveness after the Charleston Massacre*; distinguished faculty from the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg Center for Gun Violence Solutions; Rev. Dr. Kathy Riley of Presbyterian Disaster Assistance; hands-on training in Guns to Gardens by Quaker blacksmith Scotty Utz of RAWtools South; Rev. Rosalind Hughes, Episcopal Canon for Beloved Community, the Diocese of Cleveland, Ohio; and the Presbyterian Peace Fellowship Gun Violence Prevention Ministry team.

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