



Heeding God's Call to End Gun Violence

Philly Rejoins the Rank of Cities Beset by Mass Gun Murder

Until late Saturday, Philadelphia, while suffering an unrelenting tide of daily handgun injury and death, had avoided the fate of the Buffalos and Uvaldes of America for fifteen months. However, late Saturday night that changed, as three people enjoying beautiful weather on popular South Street were shot and killed and eleven wounded in a fusillade of dozens of shots from as many as five separate shooters ([Philadelphia mass shooting on South Street: Multiple gunmen fired into crowds \(inquirer.com\)](#)).

Saturday night's mass gun murder was committed with handguns - certainly illegal handguns moved to the street by the highly efficient illegal distribution system for handguns that exists in PA and starts with rogue or irresponsible gun retailers making blood money knowingly selling to gun traffickers and their stand-ins (straw buyers). What can we expect from those Pennsylvania legislators, both Republican and Democratic, who have failed to move any state legislation intended to limit access to handguns? The same refusal to face facts about the ease of access to illegal handguns in the state exhibited repeatedly for decades.

This is why *Heeding God's Call to End Gun Violence* is working each day to organize and mobilize the 'missing component' of the gun violence prevention cause, namely the Pennsylvania faith community, people and institutions of faith across the state who, by working together, can and will shift the prevailing moment from ignorance about how handguns reach the street to understanding and an overwhelming demand to limit access to handguns.

We need your help to do this essential work. Please donate generously on our website or reach out to contactheeding@gmail.com for volunteer opportunities.

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Heeding God's Call to End Gun Violence (Heeding) is a faith-based and grassroots organization devoted solely to saving lives from the uniquely American scourge of gun violence. *Heeding* is headquartered in Philadelphia, with volunteer chapters in the Mid-Atlantic. *Heeding's* activities include using faithful public pressure to persuade gun retailers to eschew sales to those who would resell guns on the street, public interfaith Murder Site Witnesses in effected neighborhoods, installations of Memorials to the Lost™, portable tee-shirt memorials honoring local victims of gun violence and more.

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