## Enough is Enough ... The <u>Massacres</u>, <u>Murders</u> & <u>Mayhem</u> MUST stop!

During the 2016 Executive Board Meeting of the Women's Missionary Society of the African Methodist Episcopal Church, The Supervisor's Council presented a powerful resolution, and it was immediately approved by International WMS President Dr. Shirley Cason-Reed that addressed **"Common Ground for Common Sense Gun Reform."** And, a copy of this resolution and action was sent to President Barak Obama, members of the United States Senate, members of the United States House of Representatives, and the National Gun Lobby.

In 2016, all members of the Women's Missionary Society were encouraged to make a positive and profound impact by committing to **three specific actions** to help increase gun control, save lives, build safer communities and reduce crime without waiting on Congress.

- Pray EVERYDAY for those affected by gun violence.
- Contact local, state and federal legislators in support of gun safety legislation.
- Vote.. Vote..Vote!!!!...And, encourage others to responsibly exercise their votes for candidates who support common sense gun safety legislation and reform.

But, sadly numerous tragedies such as, Sandy Hook, The Theatre Massacres, The Emanuel Nine, The Las Vegas Massacre, Virginia Tech Massacre, The Orlando Night Club, Sutherland Springs and The Stoneman Douglas High School (just to name a few) have continued to occur in recent headlines regarding gun violence.

These mass shootings in America are a serious problem! No other developed nation

comes close to the rate of the United States. According to the Gun Violence Archive, Americans own an estimated 265 million guns, more than one gun for every four adults in America. Data also reveals there is a mass shooting – defined as FOUR or more people shot in one incident, not including the shooter – NINE out of every TEN days on an average.



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The violence has to stop – The senseless murders must end – We can not lose another life prematurely in this country to violence!

You may ask yourself, "What can I possibly do to help end these shootings and senseless massacres?"

**NOW...** <u>Now</u> is the time for this country to NOT just have real conversations, but <u>**REAL ACTION**</u> on sensible gun control laws! <u>**NOW**</u>.... now is the time to confront President Donald Trump, law makers and politicians to make our demands known:

<u>Demand One</u>: No more assault or high powered weapons- <u>Demand Two</u>; Stronger and Thorough Background Checks - <u>Demand Three</u>: Comprehensive Mental Health Checks – <u>Demand Four</u>: Raise the age to legally buy weapons!

**Missionaries, MOMS, Millenniums and other bipartisan supporters** .....we must aggressively join forces with the <u>#neveragain movement</u> to be strong agents of change!

We must march to Capitol Hill, call and write our respective lawmakers, and Wayne LaPierre and his NRA army to let them know that we shall take our authority as an <u>UNSTOPPABLE force</u> until our demands have been met... until the senseless and premature deaths murders have ceased and until COMMON SENSE GUN Legislation has been enforced!



And, if we are to continue to positively and profoundly... "Transform Lives, Build Communities and Impact the World", gun reform and common sense legislation must be a **MAJOR PRIORITY** for the Women's Missionary Society at the Connectional, Episcopal, Conference, Area and Local levels. We must solicit the continued support of the entire Connectional A.M.E. Church, our families, friends and associates to join this effort. And, we must remember in November!

"These tragedies must end. And, to end them, we must be the change!" -Former President Barack Obama

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And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up!! Galatians 6:9 (ESV)

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