



ST. JOHN'S NORWOOD
Bethesda - Chevy Chase



Finding Common Ground with Gun Owners on Gun Safety Policies: Can Maryland Lead the Way?

Sunday, May 7, 2023 at 12:00 pm

St. John's Episcopal Church, Norwood Parish | 6701 Wisconsin Ave., Chevy Chase, MD

[REGISTER to join live or virtually](#)

A light lunch will be available for the live audience; the program will be recorded for later viewing.

St. John's Episcopal Church, Gun Violence Prevention Ministry, and the Temple Sinai Gun Violence Prevention Group, invite you to this hybrid community forum on gun safety policies. A recent empirical study has identified four state-level policies that will save lives and on which there is substantial consensus between Americans who do and do not own guns. Maryland has already enacted some of these policies, but further legislation could strengthen them as well as enact others. What are these policies and how feasible is their adoption in Maryland? Firearm owners are especially welcome to participate in the Question & Answer period.

Panelists



Matthew Littman, Executive Director, 97Percent. This new bipartisan organization seeks to reduce gun violence by “changing the conversation around gun safety to include gun owners, conducting original research to identify common ground, and leveraging technology to make communities safer.”

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Prof. Michael Siegel, Tufts University School of Medicine, M.D., M.P.H., Professor, Public Health and Community Medicine, and author of a 97Percent report entitled “Finding the Common Ground in Gun Safety”. [Learn more.](#)



Maryland State Senator Jeffrey D. Waldstreicher (D-Dist. 18), Vice Chair, Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee. Chief sponsor of Maryland's new, strengthened concealed carry law in response to Supreme Court's June 2022 decision in *New York State Rifle & Pistol Assn. v. Bruen*, 597 U.S. ____ (2022) overturning New York's concealed carry law. [Learn more.](#)

Moderator



The Rev. Anne Derse, Deacon & Minister of Community Engagement, St. John's Episcopal Church, Bethesda-Chevy Chase, and former US Ambassador to Azerbaijan and Lithuania. [Learn more.](#)

Organizers



Margaret Hilton, Convener, St. John's Gun Violence Prevention Ministry. [Learn more.](#)



Stephen Klitzman, Chair, Temple Sinai Gun Violence Prevention Group, Co- Founder and Co-Coordinator, D.C. Area Interfaith Gun Violence Prevention Network. [Learn more.](#)