

The Season of Lent is coming toward us! Ash Wednesday is March 5. Have you been searching for the right study for Lent?

North Carolina United Methodists, the Bishop's Gun Violence Prevention Task Force and the Board of Church and Society want to equip you for this upcoming Lenten season with a resource called "Kingdom Dreams, Violent Realities." It's created by the General Board of Church and Society.

I can imagine some of you hearing about gun violence takes your heart and mind to partisan political perspectives. Set that aside. As the church, it's important we address violence in our world from a scriptural perspective.

Focused on Micah 4:1-5, this study offers a launching point for additional discussion and sharing experiences related to gun violence, preventing loss of life, and advocating for common-sense gun laws. The study will draw out the theological meaning of the passage, provide a window into the causes and implications of gun violence, and suggest faith-filled responses to this challenge.

Will you consider leading this study in your local church or a community gathering? Planning for a Lenten study now means preparing your congregation to reflect thoughtfully during Lent and to remain grounded in our United Methodist beliefs.

Sign up to get this free resource from the task force at the link here on the screen. Let's have relevant and transformative conversations in your church and community, and reaffirm our call to be peace builders.