

[Don't Miss Your Opportunity to Join the Lenten Study](#)

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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 Lenten season with a resource called [Kingdom Dreams, Violent Realities](#). It's a bible study created by the General Board of Church and Society.

Focused on Micah 4:1-4, 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 the challenge.

Over the next few weeks, the task force will offer online resources, videos of United Methodists sharing personal stories, and suggestions for five weeks of content.

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.

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 who we are as United Methodists.

Sign up to get this free resource from the task force at the link on the screen. I'm looking forward to hearing about the relevant and transformative conversations in your churches and communities as you spend time in reflection and reaffirm our call to be peacebuilders.