

UWM SOCIAL ACTION TEAM – GUN STATEMENT

Unity Worldwide Ministries is deeply affected by the overwhelming number of tragic and deadly occurrences of gun violence worldwide. Our hearts go out to the families and loved ones of those whose lives have been traumatized or taken by these terrifying acts of violence.

We strongly encourage our Unity members to:

Continue to pray and meditate for Divine Order and peaceful solutions based in Divine Love.

Let your voices be heard by establishing regular contact with your elected representatives via in person contact, phone, email, and social media.

Align with, and lend support to, established organizations that advocate for gun safety reforms, such as Everytown for Gun Safety, Brady Campaign to Prevent Gun Violence, Giffords Law Center, March for Our Lives, and Mayors Against Illegal Guns.

Engage in meaningful dialogue with your congregations and form groups to generate ideas for taking respectful, nonviolent action to save innocent people from senseless gun violence.

Emphasize in your written and verbal communications that our goal is not to eliminate guns but to help create an environment where they are used only by responsible individuals.

In light of our spiritual principles, which are grounded in the reverence for life, we believe it is time to take action to help prevent the further loss of life. Therefore, in addition to recommending that we ban firearms in the UWM offices by anyone other than law enforcement, we stand in solidarity with all those who advocate for legislation to help put an end to gun violence, and strongly support passing legislation which includes:

- Banning assault style weapons for civilians not involved with law enforcement or the military.
- Banning high-capacity ammunition magazines.
- Creating a national database with information about each gun sale.
- Providing more thorough background checks for those purchasing guns.
- Requiring education on the proper ways to use guns.
- Requiring guns to be insured.
- Banning the software that allows for 3-D printing of guns.
- Banning the sale of “bump-stocks” and similar products.
- Implement stronger “red flag” laws.
- Increase in funding for mental health care.