

## Some Questions for Reflection and Discussion

Look over the Biblical References sheet.

- What does the Bible say to help us respond to gun violence in American? Read over the information regarding the effect of gun violence (people killed and wounded).
- Given the numbers of people killed (over 30,000) and wounded (over 70,000) by guns each year in the United States, how might we as people of faith respond? Read over the information regarding suicides by guns in Vermont.
- Given the number of suicides in Vermont by guns each year, how might we as people of faith respond? Discussing gun violence is an emotional issue for many.
- Read over the information regarding the Second Amendment.
  - Discuss the various interpretations.
- What does the Second Amendment say and mean?
  - What has the Supreme Court said on the topic?
- Given these understandings of the Second Amendment, is it possible to limit gun violence in our society and protect gun owner's rights?
- Do guns make us safer?
  - What information would help us to answer this question?
- Do guns make us less safe?
  - What information would help us to answer this question?
- Read over the information provided by the NRA regarding gun safety.
- How can we protect our children from guns stored at home?
- What are parents' responsibilities regarding gun safety?
- What individual efforts can we take to improve gun safety? See the document with information regarding VT Gun Laws from Law Center to Prevent Gun Violence.
- What is the status of gun safety/gun rights currently in Vermont?
- How does this compare to other states and what impacts does this have?