

General info about guns and gun violence:

<https://www.pewresearch.org/fact-tank/2021/09/13/key-facts-about-americans-and-guns/>

<https://giffords.org/lawcenter/gun-laws/>

Good news from the GA!

This year's 225 General Assembly of PCUSA approved the "Decade to End Gun Violence 2022-2032". See this summary of the GA including action on race and gender action:

<https://www.pcusa.org/news/2022/7/12/summary-general-assembly-actions/>

Here is the Va. statute regarding "No guns in God's house" (Signs for churches available at the Peva meeting July 26, and on the CPJ page on Peva's website). The "good and sufficient reason" language is ambiguous, but churches are private property and have every right to display the sign:

§ 18.2-283. Carrying dangerous weapons to places of religious worship.

If any person carry any gun, pistol, bowie knife, dagger or other dangerous weapon, without good and sufficient reason, to a place of worship while a meeting for religious purposes is being held at such place he shall be guilty of a Class 4 misdemeanor.

Code 1950, § 18.1-241; 1960, c. 358; 1962, c. 411; 1975, cc. 14, 15.

Research supporting effective ways to curb gun violence that we discussed:

1. Summer jobs:

<https://news.uchicago.edu/story/innovative-readi-chicago-initiative-brings-hope-amid-he-rtbreak-gun-violence>

2. Mental health:

<https://leo.nd.edu/news/lessons-learned-brief-jail-mental-health-screen/>

https://elisajacome.github.io/Jacome/Jacome_JMP.pdf

3. Air pollution: <https://www.nber.org/papers/w21787>

4. Pediatricians discussing gun safety:

<https://www.penmedicine.org/news/news-releases/2022/july/both-gun-owners-a-nd-non-gun-owners-trust-kids-doctors-in-gun-safety-talks>

5. School-based threat assessment teams:

<https://nij.ojp.gov/topics/articles/student-threat-assessment-virginia-study-finds-pr-ogress-areas-improve>