

- *If session decides it is necessary to allow guns on the property, it should:*
 - Conduct a background check on the requester;
 - Require the person present a certification of training in the use of firearms;
 - Require the person present a valid firearm registration and permit to carry;
 - Require the person provide references;
 - Make a full inquiry into specific experience in the use of firearms as a security person;
 - Inform the congregation of who is seeking this permission and whether permission is granted;
 - Inform the church's insurance company, and purchase any additional coverage that might be required;
 - Contact all local law enforcement agencies and seek their advice;
 - Notify Presbytery of their decision or intention;
 - Require any decision to be made in considering such a request be made only after full discussion and debate in a proper session meeting, that the recommended documentation be presented, and that the results of this consideration be laid out fully in the minutes of session;
 - Prepare a written policy for what shall be done should a shooter come on the premises.
 - This policy should require that the immediate response be to call the police.
 - Direct that if a person has a suspicion that any person is in danger from a potential assailant that the person leading the event is informed.
 - Ensure that the designated person carrying a gun is immediately identifiable so that first responders will not mistake him/her for the potential assailant.

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P-30 POLICY ON PUBLIC STATEMENTS FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE

The Presbytery of Detroit has the call for justice and equality deep in its roots and DNA. As such we as a Presbytery look to our Executive Presbyter and Moderator to lead us. In such leadership we find it is necessary for the Executive Presbyter and/or Moderator of the Presbytery to respond orally and in writing during such times and events of injustice and inequality. As a church called to live out our faith in the world we authorize our Executive Presbyter and/or Moderator to respond when an important event occurs and in concurrence with Scripture, the Book of Order, our presbytery approved statements on record, statements from the General Assembly, and the Book of Confessions in a timely fashion. Such public statements will include written letters to our member congregations and pastors in active service, at large and honorably retired, as well as the bodies where such events have taken place, news outlets and those in public office when appropriate. Events where a response is expected but not limited to are events of racism, prejudice, inequality, terrorism and natural or unnatural disaster. We understand that Christ is Lord of conscience and ask that the Executive Presbyter and/or the Moderator inform Cabinet if for any reason they cannot in conscience fulfill this portion of their duties.

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