

## “Listening Well, Leaning In” Topic: Gun Violence

11:45-11:50 Settling In

11:50-12:00 Who are you and why are you hear?

12:00-12:10 Norms and Expectations

- Confidentiality
- Use “I” Statements, avoid speaking for others or generalizations
- Curiosity--we all can learn something
- Deepen our understandings, not to change minds
- Value appropriate risk taking
- Monitor your own participation--do you need to lean in or lean out?

12:10-12:45 Break out into Small Groups (no more than 6 per group)

Take turns asking and answering the following questions--everyone answers question 1, then 2, then 3 . . .

1. Have you ever seen a gun, held a gun, fired a gun? What were you taught about guns?
2. How has your life been touched by gun violence?
3. How have your life experiences shaped the ways you think about guns and gun culture today?

12:45 Return to large group and reflect

- How did that go? What surprised you? What did you learn about yourself or another?

Skills, Gifts, and Goals of Listening Well, Leaning In (the Takeaways)

- Our experiences and assumptions shape our opinions
- “I wonder what that person has experienced that led them to their opinion or belief?”
- Notice who is and is not participating--whose voice is NOT being heard?
- What on “their side” resonates with you and makes sense to you?
- What on “your side” do you disagree with or frustrates you?
- What does love look like in this specific situation?

Additional Resources

- Living Room Conversations - <https://www.livingroomconversations.org/>
- Colorado Faith Communities United to End Gun Violence - <http://cfcu-co.org/>
- Civil Conversations Project - <https://onbeing.org/civil-conversations-project/>
- Podcasts
  - On Being with Krista Tippett
    - Claudia Rankine - How Can I Say This So We Can Stay in This Car Together? <https://onbeing.org/programs/claudia-rankine-how-can-i-say-this-so-we-can-stay-in-this-car-together-jan2019/>

- Sally Kohn and Erick Erickson - Relationship Across Rupture - <https://onbeing.org/programs/sally-kohn-and-erick-erickson-relationship-across-rupture-oct18/>
- Frances Kissling - What Is Good in the Position of the Other - <https://onbeing.org/programs/frances-kissling-what-is-good-in-the-position-of-the-other-sep2018/>
- The Liturgist Podcast
  - Enemies - <http://www.theliturgists.com/podcast/2017/10/3/enemies-live-from-los-angeles>
  - How do we know what we know? - <http://www.theliturgists.com/podcast/2017/2/21/how-do-we-know-what-we-know-epistemology>