



September 4, 2018

Dear Friends in Christ,

On behalf of the Episcopal Diocese of California, I offer prayers of thanksgiving and support for the growing coalition of physicians, nurses, and other healthcare professionals who have rightly recognized that firearm violence is a public health crisis and must be treated as such by our society. I am particularly proud that a parishioner in my diocese, Dr. Dean Winslow, cofounded this movement, which at its core seeks to fulfill some of our faith's most fundamental teachings: to reject violence, protect the vulnerable, and eliminate needless human suffering and death.

Our medical institutions and schools need the benefit of the best possible research, education and financial resources to address the gun violence epidemic in revolutionary ways. Please join me in standing with SAFE on September 17 as they unify their diverse voices in support of life-saving, systemic change.

In faith,