



# Heeding God's Call A Gathering on Peace

## MEDIA ADVISORY

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### DEL VAL FAITH LEADERS TO MEET WITH PROPRIETOR OF COLOSIMO'S GUN SHOP TOMORROW TO SEEK COLLABORATION ON ILLEGAL GUNS

#### **Faith Leaders Seeking Adoption of 'Code of Conduct' Identical to Agreement Between Wal-Mart and Mayors Against Illegal Guns Coalition**

- WHAT:** Press availability of delegation following meeting with proprietor of Colosimo's Gun Center.
- WHEN:** Immediately following 3:30pm meeting (approx. 4:15pm), Thursday, December 18.
- WHERE:** In front of Colosimo's Gun Center, 933 Spring Garden Street, Philadelphia.
- WHO:** Delegation of Delaware Valley Faith Leaders, including:  
Rt. Rev. Allen Bartlett, Jr., Bishop, Episcopal Diocese of Philadelphia  
Msgr. Michael Carroll, Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Philadelphia  
Rabbi Sue Levi Elwell, Director, Union for Reform Judaism, Pennsylvania Council  
Rev. Donna Jones, Cookman United Methodist Church  
Rev. Isaac Miller, Pastor, Church of the Advocate  
Thomas Swain, Clerk, Philadelphia Yearly Meeting, Religious Society of Friends  
Kemah Washington, Father Paul Washington Committee  
Bryan Miller, Executive Director, Ceasefire NJ
- WHY:** Philadelphia and the Del Val are beset by gun violence that devastates families, neighborhoods and cities. Gun crime and violence are fueled by the illegal trade, that moves handguns from legal sale at PA gun stores to illegal street sale. Straw buying is linchpin of this illegal trade, whereby stand-ins make bulk handgun purchases for gun traffickers.
- It has proven exasperatingly difficult to get the Pennsylvania Legislature to enact legislation to ameliorate the problem. So, faith leaders and their followers have come together to seek the adoption by PA gun stores of a non-legislative, non-burdensome 'code of conduct,' identical to the Responsible Firearms Partnership Agreement between Wal-Mart, America's #1 gun seller and the Mayors Against Illegal Guns coalition. We believe adoption of the code will dramatically reduce straw purchasing and, so, the level of gun violence due to it.

(see <http://www.mayorsagainstilllegalguns.org/html/partnership/partnership.shtml>)

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