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Dear Friends,

We send you our loving greetings with Peter Murchison as he travels in ministry to eliminate gun violence.

Peter, a member of this Meeting for over 40 years, has opened to us his leading to travel among Meetings in the United States and other faith communities with a ministry of gun violence prevention. He will ask others to use their faith and understanding of the Spirit to decide on actions they can take to move our country towards the elimination of gun violence. He will travel in this ministry between the current date and March of 2021.

This Meeting unites with Peter Murchison's leading. We trust that you will benefit as we have from sharing his experiences and insights. Peter's extended family was devastated by the Sandy Hook shootings, which took the life of a loved one. Over the last several years, Peter has increased his activism with a series of activities. He ran a Remembrance Event at our meeting house in 2018 for those lost to gun violence in all parts of our society, met with Senators and Congressmen, testified in our state capitol on pending legislation, and partnered with FCNL on this issue, including helping to train their current Advocacy Corps: 20 young adults who will do community organizing in their home states on this issue. Most recently he helped run a gun buyback with the city of Norwalk, CT where the guns collected will be turned into gardening tools and donated to community gardening programs. Several Meetings have asked Peter to visit with them and discuss the many facets of this important issue.

Peter's efforts in this work have provided an abundance of spiritual energy to our community: We commend him to your care and hospitality.

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