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Lance Haver, father of a recent shooting victim,
& Joe Davis, paralyzed since a 1981 shooting,
hold signs at an anti-gun-violence rally in
Philadelphia, Oct. 17, 2007

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WHAT BREAKS OUR
HEARTS ABOUT GUN
VIOLENCE? WHAT
WILL BE OUR
RESPONSE?

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This forum was planned by the Peace Group of West Philadelphia Mennonite Fellowship.

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FORUM ON GUN VIOLENCE AND OUR CITY

with Dorothy Johnson-Speight,
Bryan Miller & Fred Kauffman

Saturday, April 26, 2008

9:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Woodland Presbyterian
Church, 401 South 42nd Street,
Philadelphia, PA

FREE & OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Come and hear personal stories of those affected by gun violence, and learn about initiatives for gun legislation. There will be an opportunity for you to ask questions of the speakers, to be in dialogue with other participants, and to write letters lobbying for legislation that could affect the sale of illegal handguns in Philadelphia. Refreshments will be served. A free-will offering will be taken to cover expenses.

Speakers:

Dorothy Johnson-Speight -- of Mothers In Charge, a community advocacy and support organization for families affected by violence. Johnson-Speight founded the organization after her 24-year-old son was murdered over a parking space in December 2001. The mission of Mothers In Charge is violence education, prevention and intervention.

Bryan Miller -- of CeaseFire NJ, an organization working to reduce gun violence by enactment of sensible gun regulations and public policies through grassroots activism, and election of public officials who favor the prevention of gun violence.

Fred Kauffman -- of Mennonite Central Committee's Philadelphia Office, whose priorities are urban peacemaking and creating opportunities for city youth. One of its initiatives involves educating urban and rural Mennonites about handgun legislation so that they can raise a united voice against the violence plaguing both cities and towns.

You do not need to register for this event (and there is no fee), but an RSVP would be helpful.

Please call 215-729-2050, or send an email to wpmf@wpmf.com (write Gun Violence Workshop in the subject line), with your name/s.

Many thanks to Woodland Presbyterian Church for allowing this forum to be held in their facility.