

NATIONAL OBSERVANCE OF CHILDREN'S SABBATH

Beating Swords Into Plowshares: Ending the Violence of Guns and Child Poverty

WASHINGTON NATIONAL CATHEDRAL
OCTOBER 20, 2013



JOINING TOGETHER FOR CHILDREN'S SABBATH

Washington National Cathedral is honored to join with Children's Defense Fund for the National Observance of Children's Sabbath, calling for an end to the violence and poverty that takes lives on a daily basis in our homes, workplaces and city streets. The statistics for children in particular are grave. A child or teen is killed or injured by guns every 30 minutes in our nation, and guns are the second leading cause of death among children and teens ages 1-19: only motor vehicle accidents kill more children and teens every year.

There is an emerging moral consensus that we must take specific action to curb the killing, and this morning we pray for courage to protect the most vulnerable among us. We are also pledging to call our leaders to action and support them as they take it. Join us in helping to sustain our faithful advocacy to make our streets and schoolrooms safer for all.

10:10

FORUM DISCUSSION

Marian Wright Edelman, president and founder of Children's Defense Fund, moderates a special forum panel with three distinguished physicians.

11:15

HOLY EUCHARIST

Guest preacher Marian Wright Edelman draws inspiration from the Children's Sabbath theme and Micah 4:1-5.

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INTRODUCTION

The Very Reverend Gary Hall

Dean, Washington National Cathedral

MODERATOR

Marian Wright Edelman

President and Founder, Children's Defense Fund

PANELISTS

Dr. Tom McInerney

*President, American Academy of Pediatrics
Professor and Associate Chair for Clinical Affairs, Department of
Pediatrics, University of Rochester Medical Center and Golisano
Children's Hospital*

Dr. Mark Rosenberg

*President and CEO, The Task Force for Global Health
Former Director of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's
National Center for Injury Prevention and Control
Former Assistant U.S. Surgeon General*

Dr. David Satcher

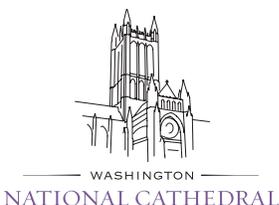
*Director of the Satcher Health Leadership Institute, Morehouse
School of Medicine
Former U.S. Surgeon General*

*"They shall beat their
swords into plowshares,
and their spears into
pruning hooks..."*

—Micah 4:3

Outside the Cathedral, at the West Front, the public is invited to watch blacksmiths transform decommissioned firearms confiscated by the Metropolitan Police Department into garden tools that communities may use to grow healthy food.

This guns-into-garden-tools transformation is a symbolic, creative re-imagining of the prophetic vision of a world in which weapons and war are replaced by peace and plenty.



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