

October 27 Schedule

6:00 P.M. — Doors and Zoom open

- Doors open at in-person sites across Minnesota and North Dakota. Online participants may log in to the Zoom webinar.

6:30 P.M. — Welcome and opening prayer

- Bishops Justin Grimm and Jen Nagel welcome participants and introduce the evening.

6:40 P.M. — Why we gather as church

- Bishop William Tesch shares the purpose of the gathering and what we hope to accomplish.

6:50 P.M. — Introduction to the speaker and social message

- Dr. Per Anderson introduces Dr. Jillian Peterson and the ELCA social message on gun-related violence and trauma.

7:00 P.M. — “Peacemaking in an Epidemic of Gun Violence”

- Presentation by Dr. Jillian Peterson.

7:45 P.M. — Questions and answers

- Participants submit questions for Dr. Peterson through the webinar chat, with assistance from the leadership team at Transfiguration Lutheran Church in Bloomington.

8:00 P.M.— Group discussion

- In-person groups and online participants discuss mass shootings and ELCA social teaching.

8:30 P.M. — Sharing from discussions

- Groups share highlights through the webinar chat, with assistance from leadership teams at the ten in-person sites.

8:45 P.M. — Next steps and closing prayer

- Bishop William Tesch invites participants to continue Safer Together conversations in their congregations and synods and offers a closing prayer.