



## **Marble Combats Gun Violence Citing the Golden Rule Love Your Neighbor**

On Sunday, June 19, 2022, Marble Collegiate Church will relaunch their Gun Violence Awareness Ribbons citing scripture that's core message is repeated in many religions. The two seven-foot signs will read: "It's Simple (not Easy): Love Your Neighbor."

Adorned on the fence around the church on 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue will be orange ribbons, the defining color of the Gun Violence Awareness movement. Included on these ribbons are tags that ask, "How will you love your neighbor?" inviting anyone to share ideas and thoughts on how to show love to one another and support an end to gun violence. Also included are resources on how to donate to credible organizations combating gun violence as well as information on how to reach out to your Representative or Senator.

All are invited on June 19 at 12:00pm to help hang ribbons at 1 West 29th Street. Marble states, "if we truly loved one another not only would it end gun violence, but it would also end all the evils that divide us." For more information, please go to [marblechurch.org/ribbons](http://marblechurch.org/ribbons)

*As of June 5, 2022, there have already been 246 mass shootings this year alone. We are on track to surpass the number of mass shootings last year, which was the worst year on record. Because we are a community grounded in faith, hope and love, we will not accept this tragic loss of life as inevitable. Something must be done! Therefore, the orange ribbons on our fence are for more than awareness. They are a call to action for each of us to do whatever we can to end gun violence in our country. I encourage you to leave a message on the fence as inspiration for others, and use the resources posted to help change happen. As Jesus said, "If you know these things, you are blessed if you do them" (John 13:17).*

**– Dr. Michael Bos, Senior Minister, Marble Collegiate Church**

About Marble Church:

Marble Collegiate Church has stood on the corner of 5th Avenue and 29th Street since 1854, with its ministry dating back to 1628. This vibrant protestant church (affiliations with The Reformed Church in America and The United Church of Christ) offers a place of community for all, no matter where they are on their faith journey, and encourages living out that faith to become our best selves in order to serve New York City and the world.

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