



# FAIRMOUNT PRESBYTERIAN Church

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## *Resolution Regarding H.B. 233*

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Jesus Christ calls the church and believers gathered in it to witness to the Gospel in the world. Jesus teaches "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called the children of God" (Mt. 5:9).

Ohio House Bill 233, adopted by the Ohio House of Representatives, is presently before the Ohio Senate Committee on Government Oversight and Reform. H.B. 233, provides that holders of licenses to carry concealed firearms who bring such weapons into prohibited spaces, such as schools and churches, would suffer no criminal penalty if they leave upon discovery and do not return. This bill weakens the protections previously offered by law.

It is our firm belief that we are called to create safe space for all of God's children, Christian or otherwise. It is imperative that as a community of faith we be allowed to ensure that worship and education is free from firearms or the threat of them.

The Session of Fairmount Presbyterian Church calls upon Ohio Senators of conscience to vote against it H.B. 233.

The Session authorizes the Clerk to send copies of this resolution to all Ohio Senators who represent any part of Cuyahoga County.

The Session also authorizes the Clerk to work with the Executive Presbyter of the Presbytery of the Western Reserve to draft a similar resolution for consideration by the next meeting of the Presbytery.

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