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## RAWtools – MCUSA Partnership

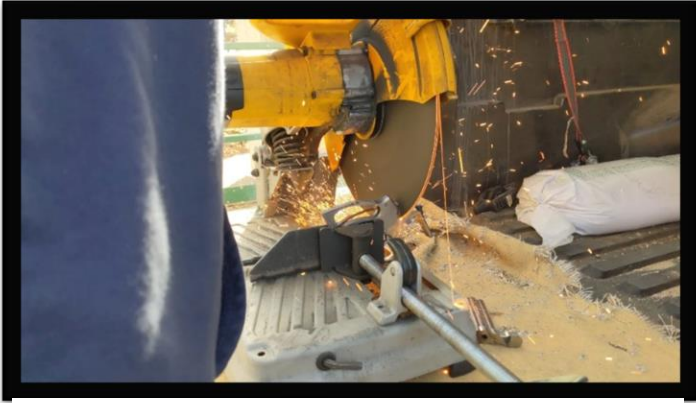
RAWtools is excited to announce a new partnership with Mennonite Church USA as we #BringThePeace by turning guns into garden tools and beautiful art.

When a gun-owner donates a gun through an MC USA congregation, RAWtools makes the gun barrel into a garden tool and returns it to the donor. The rest of the gun is made into art that's sold to support MC USA's Peace and Justice initiatives. We encourage congregations to invite local artists in their community to participate in this gun-to-art-making process!

We encourage MC USA congregations who wish to be a part of this partnership to be vocal in their communities about being a place where swords are turned into plowshares. This is one way to respond to MC USA's leadership and their call to #BringThePeace and no longer be the "quiet in the land" when it comes to costly peacemaking and justice issues.

In January, two gun donations were processed at Portland Mennonite Church and First Mennonite Church of Denver. RAWtools has a national network of volunteers that help disable donated guns. When a gun donor connects with us, we connect them to our volunteers - who often meet to disable guns in church parking lots across the country.

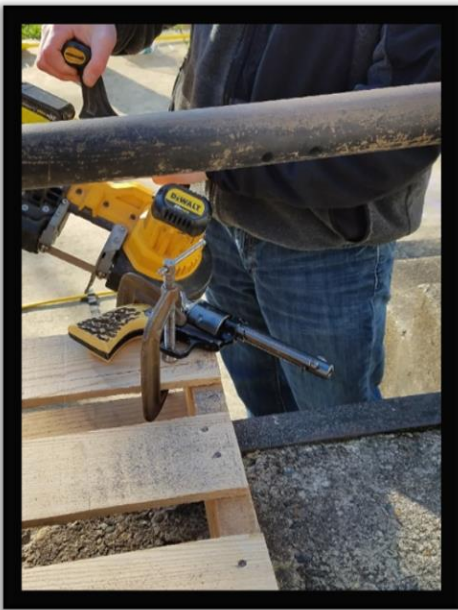
To sign up and find out more, visit <https://rawtools.org/mcusa-partnership/>.



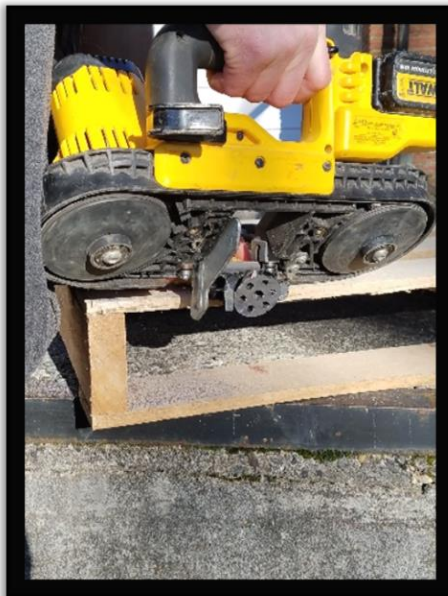
*Disabling a revolver at First Mennonite Denver*



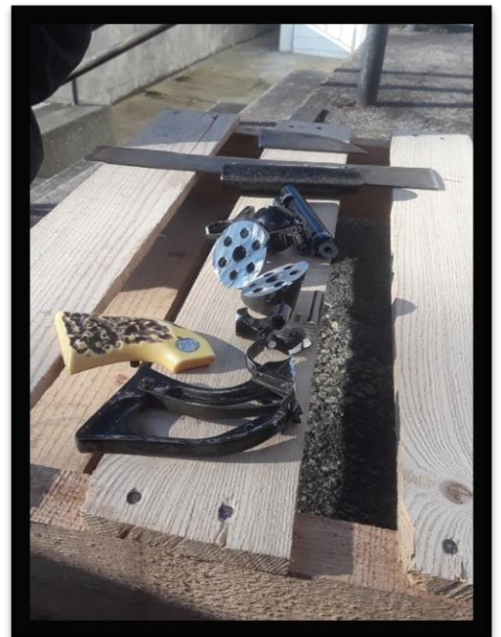
*Disabled revolver donated at First Mennonite Denver*



*Preparing to cut the revolver at Portland Mennonite*



*Cutting up the revolver at Portland Mennonite*



*Disabled revolver at Portland Mennonite*