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As Ohio prepares to resume executions after a nearly three-year hiatus, Ohioans to Stop Executions is collaborating with faith communities and other allies to educate and mobilize Ohioans to reject the death penalty. Events this weekend in Columbus, Cincinnati and Portsmouth will feature noted Evangelical Christian author Shane Claiborne, whose book *Executing Grace: How the death penalty killed Jesus and why its killing us*, has become a core source on the issue for millennial Christians.

Christians who support the death penalty not only have the nagging problem of Jesus, but they are sharply at odds with the first 300 years of Christianity, said Claiborne, one of the founders of the Red Letter Christians network, which advocates living as if Jesus really meant what he said. Claiborne is sharing his experience in conjunction with Ohioans to Stop Executions, Faith in Public Life, the Ohio Council of Churches and others in an effort to help gather Christians who are ready to put their faith into action to help prevent executions from resuming in Ohio.

A 2014 poll showed nearly 80% of millennial Christians oppose the death penalty, and only 5% of Americans believe Jesus would be in favor of executions, said Amanda Hoyt, Ohio director of Faith In Public Life, a group which lifts up the voices of religious leaders working for economic and social justice. Our goal in collaborating with Ohioans to Stop Executions is to help policy makers understand that Ohioans of faith believe that we can hold dangerous criminals accountable and keep the public safe without the death penalty.

Shane Claiborne is available for advance interviews. Contact Abe Bonowitz at 561-371-5204 for details.

Columbus November 18, 2016

Time: 7pm

University Baptist Church

50 West Lane Ave

Columbus, Ohio 43201

Cincinnati November 19, 2016

(In collaboration with The Hive, The AMOS Project & Christ Church Cathedral)

Time: 6pm

Sanctuary @ Urban Artifact

1660 Blue Rock Street

Cincinnati, Ohio 45223

Portsmouth November 20, 2016

(In collaboration with Scioto Peace & Justice Fellowship of Reconciliation)

Time: 2pm

All Saints Episcopal Church

610 4th St

Portsmouth, OH 45662

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