

Let's Eliminate Nuclear Weapons!



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Take Action

Read this prayer from Bishop Bill Swing

On April 27, the world's nations will gather to review the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty. At noon New York time on April 26, let us all read this prayer together, in our respective locations. If you cannot join in at this specific time, please simply read it when you can.

A Prayer for Those Whose Hearts Carry the Weight of Nuclear Weapons

The Beginning and the End are in your hands, O Creator of the Universes. And in our hands you have placed the fate of this planet. We, who are tested by having both creative and destructive power in our free will, turn to you in sober fear and intoxicating hope. We ask for your guidance and to share in your imagination in our deliberations about the use of nuclear force. Help us to lift the fog of atomic darkness that hovers so pervasively over our Earth, Your Earth, so that soon all eyes may see life magnified by your pure light.

Bless all of us who wait today for your Presence and who dedicate ourselves to achieve your intended peace and rightful equilibrium on Earth. In the Name of all that is holy and all that is hoped. Amen.

the Rt. Rev. William E. Swing, URI President and Founder

December 4, 2014

Get Involved in Creating Cultures of Peace

The United Religions Initiative is the world's largest network of grassroots interfaith change makers with nearly 700 Cooperation Circles in 85 countries who are tied together in their dedication to promoting enduring, daily interfaith cooperation, to end religiously motivated violence and to create cultures of peace, justice and healing for the Earth and all living beings.



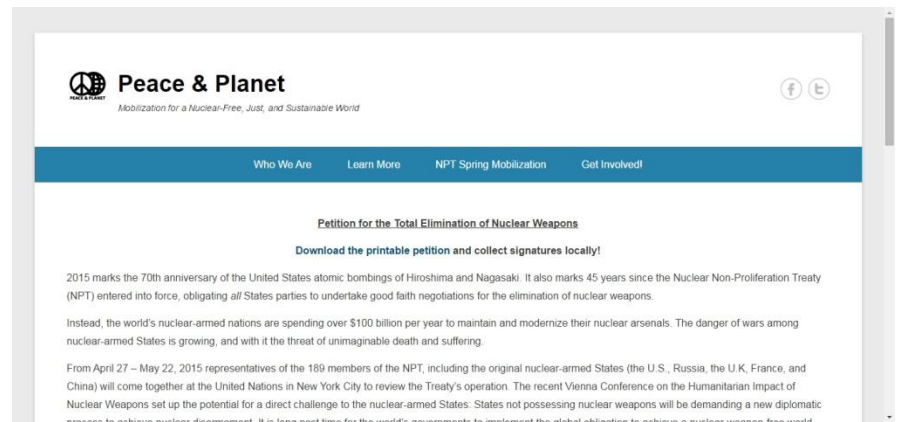
You can become a part of a Cooperation Circle or start your own. Find out more information here: <http://uri.org/>

To start receiving the URI North America newsletter, follow this link: <http://urinorthamerica.org/web/newsletter/>. To receive the URI Global newsletter, follow this link: http://www.uri.org/get_involved/stay_updated.

Peace and Planet Petition for the Total Elimination of Nuclear Weapons

Peace and Planet has a petition for the total elimination of nuclear weapons.

You can sign it here:
<http://bit.ly/1uCegvX>.



Share the Poem "20,000,000" With Loved Ones

20,000

by Justine Merritt

The Pentagon says the nation can prevail
with a loss of 20,000,000 lives;
constitution, flag prevailing
after a loss of 20,000,000 lives.

I asked some friends,
"But what would that be, 20,000,000 lives" -
New York, Chicago, Denver,
Albuquerque, St. Louis and Yarmoth, Maine?
Georgiana looked up;
Georgiana looked straight into my eyes;
"California," she said.
"That's California."

Do not think of that curved length of coast,
nor of the desert called Mojave;
forget rainbowed waterfalls and high Sierras;
do not remember tide pool, apricot blossom
nor the seed pod of the artichoke;
forget pelican, sea lion, whale;
no recollection of cactus, redwood, vineyard.

Forget what humans have built in a place called
California;
a bridge called the Golden Gate,
the land - Disney,

the valley - Silicon;
do not remember sailboat, skate or surfboard;
no recollection of the missions.

Think only of the teenaged clerk in the
fast checkout lane,
the couple in the laundromat,
the man selling a balloon to someone's
grandchild,
the kid who checked the oil,
the mailman;
think only of the old, old woman sitting on
the bench
along that curved and sanded shore.

20,000,000?
That's California.

Read it online: <http://www.justinemerritt.net/20.html>

Plant a Surviving A-Bomb Sapling in Your Community

URI Cooperation Circle ANT-Hiroshima (Asian Network of Trust-Hiroshima) is behind the project Green Legacy Hiroshima. It "is a volunteer initiative, established to safeguard and spread worldwide the seeds and saplings of Hiroshima's A-Bomb survivor trees." Find out more about the process here: <http://www.unitar.org/greenlegacyhiroshima>

Host an A-Bomb Photo Exhibition

"Gensuikyo, the Japan Council Against A- and H-Bombs, is encouraging people around the world display an 18-panel photo exhibit in local communities. This exhibition is incredibly powerful, and can be displayed on its own in a nearby library, university campus, workplace, or religious space, or in coordination with a related event. [Please visit Gensuikyo's webpage](#) for more information." You can also email antiatom@topaz.plala.or.jp

Support SANE Spending on Nuclear Weapons

Citizens for Global Solutions are encouraging support for the *Smarter Approach to Nuclear Expenditures (SANE) Act*. The SANE Act would freeze, delay and cut funding for nuclear weapons and related programs by \$100 billion over the next 10 years. You can send a letter of support to your Senators and Representatives here: <http://bit.ly/1BLfJlZ>

Encourage your Legislator/Parliamentarian to Join Parliamentarians for Nuclear Non-proliferation and Disarmament (PNND)

Parliamentarians for Nuclear Non-proliferation and Disarmament (PNND) is a non-partisan forum for parliamentarians nationally and internationally to share resources and information, develop cooperative strategies and engage in nuclear nonproliferation and disarmament issues, initiatives and arenas.

What does the network provide?

- Information for parliamentarians on nuclear disarmament issues and on international events including United Nations disarmament meetings
- Samples of parliamentary resolutions, motions, questions and legislation from around the world
- Contacts with parliamentary colleagues in other countries with whom to share information and ideas
- A forum for developing joint strategy between parliaments on international initiatives such as implementation of the Non Proliferation Treaty disarmament obligations, NATO Review and United Nations resolutions
- Links with non-governmental experts

Learn more: <http://www.pnnd.org/>

Participate in International Day for Total Elimination of Nuclear Weapons & UNFold Zero:

UNFOLD ZERO is a new platform for United Nations (UN) focused initiatives and actions for the achievement of a nuclear weapons free world. **UNFOLD ZERO** aims to unfold the path to zero nuclear weapons through effective steps and measures facilitated by the UN General Assembly, UN Security Council, UN Secretary-General and other UN bodies.

September 26, 2014, was the first International Day for Total Elimination of Nuclear Weapons. People around the world celebrated the vision of a nuclear weapons free world, raised awareness and called on the world leaders to negotiate disarmament. Read more: <http://www.unfoldzero.org/>

Join the Ribbon Project

The Ribbon is an ever growing number of meter-by-half-meter (or one yard by half-yard) pictures, sewn or painted on fabric, showing what each individual maker loves most and wants to protect by abolishing nuclear weapons, ending wars and preserving the environment. You can join by:

- Cut a panel of sturdy cloth, double thickness, of any color, finished size one meter by a half meter (or one yard by a half yard).
- Sew several rows of stitching as a border on all four sides to give the panel strength. Sew 20cm or 9 inch pieces of ribbon or bias tape to each corner so the panels may be easily tied together.



- On this panel sew, paint, write, embroider, applique, weave, knit, tie-dye or use any other kind of ornaments to express what you most love about the world and want to protect from what is endangered on this earth.
- Write your name, address and any message on the back of the panel.

Read more: <http://www.theribboninternational.org/>

Ask Your Elected Representatives These Questions



Three Questions to Fulfill Our Duty to the Next Generation 8th Nobel Peace Laureate Summit December 13-15, 2007

Today, the world is interconnected as never before. Decisions made today will have permanent consequences. Humanity's global footprint must be guided by appropriate thinking, policy, and actions. No longer can we afford to think locally and act globally.

Three significant issues require new levels of international cooperation based on the rule of law and universal norms. No state, or even a powerful group of states, can succeed alone. Because these issues impact us all, we must all be concerned.

We must effectively address crushing poverty and adequately organize ourselves to protect the global commons, such as the oceans, the climate, and the rainforest – living systems on which civilization depends. Because the promotion of global cooperation is distorted by the possession of nuclear weapons by some, and our security increasingly risked by their spread, we must ensure the elimination of nuclear weapons before they eliminate us.

If we are to fulfill our responsibility to leave a sustainable future to the next generation, we must make sure our political leaders have answers to these critical questions:

1. What are your plans to address crushing poverty?
2. What are your plans to protect the environment?
3. What are your plans to eliminate nuclear weapons?

We, as Nobel Peace Laureates and Laureate Organizations have a duty to demand answers to these questions and we commit to continue to press political candidates and all world leaders for responses. We encourage citizens, especially youth who will be most affected by the answer to these questions, to energetically pursue them also. Further, we expect the press to insist that candidates and leaders articulate their plans to ensure a sustainable and just future.

Nobel Peace Laureates and Laureates Organizations: His Holiness the Dalai Lama, Mikhail Gorbachev, Mairead Corrigan Maguire, Muhammad Yunus, Lech Walesa, Betty Williams, Institut de Droit International, American Friends Service Committee, Amnesty International, International Labor Organization, International Peace Bureau, International Physicians for the Prevention of Nuclear War, International Campaign to Ban Landmines, Medecins Sans Frontieres, Pugwash Conferences on Science and World Affairs, Red Cross Italy, United Nations, United Nations Children's Fund, United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees



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Educational Resources

A Call to Conscience

In 2011, URI's Voices for a World Without Nuclear Weapons Cooperation Circle gathered to sign the "Call to Conscience: A Ban on Nuclear Weapons," recognizing "The responsibility for banning nuclear weapons does not lie solely with governments of nuclear weapons states and their citizens. It is a responsibility shared by every sovereign state and each individual. People of religion and spiritual expressions must inspire moral and ethical action." Read the Call to Conscience: <http://bit.ly/1y3aOfv>

Nuclear Weapons Timeline

The International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons has a complete timeline that describes the history of Nuclear Weapons. Here's a preview; you can see the whole timeline here:

<http://www.icanw.org/the-facts/the-nuclear-age/>

Resource Guide For Religious Leaders And Communities

The Resource Guide was developed by Alyn Ware and the Basel Peace Office for Religions for Peace, a global coalition of representatives of the world's major religions. You can download the guide here: <http://bit.ly/1brfHKC>

Campaign Kit on the Humanitarian Impact of Nuclear Weapons

"The facts about nuclear weapons—their unprecedented destructive power, their massive and indiscriminate medical and environmental effects, their capacity to wipe out everything that sustains life on Earth—have been extensively documented in hundreds of books, journal articles, and scientific papers. Campaigners for nuclear abolition are faced with the challenge of presenting the facts correctly and persuasively, and they must often do so in the few moments they have the attention of a government minister, a parliamentarian, a politician, a journalist, or a person on



Nuclear weapons timeline

1940s

August 1942	Manhattan Project established in US	The US sets up the Manhattan Project to develop the first nuclear weapon. It eventually employs more than 130,000 people and costs US\$2 billion (\$25 billion in 2012 dollars).
16 July 1945	US conducts first ever nuclear test	The US government tests its first nuclear weapon, code-named "Trinity", in New Mexico. Its yield equals 20,000 tonnes of TNT. The date of the test marks the beginning

RESOURCE GUIDE ON
**nuclear
disarmament**
FOR RELIGIOUS LEADERS AND COMMUNITIES



the street. [The International Physicians for the Prevention of Nuclear War](#) (a member group of the [Peace & Planet Advisory Committee](#)) has produced a new [Campaign Kit](#), presenting the essential facts about the medical, environmental, and humanitarian effects of nuclear weapons in clear, simple, and accurate language.”

You can download the kit here: <http://hinwcampaignkit.org/>

“Are We At Risk of Nuclear War?”

“Are We At Risk of Nuclear War” was broadcast on “Two Way Street” this March 21, 2015 with panelists were Professor Mohammed Yunus, winner of the 2006 Nobel Peace Prize, Dr. Ira Helfand of the International Physicians for the Prevention of Nuclear War, which won the Nobel Peace Prize in 1985, Jonathan Granoff, President of the Global Security Institute and Jean Yves Ollivier, an internationally recognized peace advocate. The panel was assembled as part of the run up to the 2015 global summit of Nobel Peace Prize winners which will be held in Atlanta, Ga. You can watch it here: <http://bit.ly/1brfN59>

Facts Countdown:

To promote the petition to abolish of nuclear weapons, Peace and Planet is hosting a [Fact Countdown](#) on their website. Follow the link to read more: <http://www.peaceandplanet.org/peace-planet-fact-countdown/>

#PeaceAndPlanet: 34 days to go

In 2011 the U.S. spent more on nuclear weapons and related programs than the eight other nuclear-armed nations combined.



Our issues and movements are interrelated. Join us for the Peace & Planet Mobilization for a Nuclear-Free, Just, and Sustainable World in NYC and around the globe, April 24–26, 2015. peaceandplanet.org

#PeaceAndPlanet: 37 days to go

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Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty:

“The Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty [NPT] is a landmark international treaty whose objective is to prevent the spread of nuclear weapons and weapons technology, to promote cooperation in the peaceful uses of nuclear energy and to further the goal of achieving nuclear disarmament and general

and complete disarmament. The Treaty represents the only binding commitment in a multilateral treaty to the goal of disarmament by the nuclear-weapon States.” Read more: <http://bit.ly/1nsilVV>

This treaty will be reviewed at the United Nations in April 2015.

Nuclear Weapons and Ethics

Jonathan Granoff is the President of the Global Security Institute and Special Representative for the United Religions Initiative. He is the current Chair of the Task Force on Nuclear Non-proliferation of the International Law Section of the American Bar Association. He is an award-winning documentary screenwriter (The Constitution) and author, featured in more than 50 publications. His work, for which he received a Nobel Peace Prize nomination in 2014, focuses on the legal, ethical and spiritual dimensions of human development and security, eliminating nuclear weapons and environmental responsibility. A selection of his writing include:

- Bioethics and Nuclear Weapons: <http://bit.ly/1Co4iVX>
- The Power Over The Ultimate Evil: In The Footsteps Of Gandhi And King: <http://bit.ly/1EF34CN>
- Nuclear Weapons, Ethics, Morals, and Law: <http://bit.ly/1EF34CN>
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13 Point Action Plan for Disarmament

ABOLITION 2000 is a network of over 2000 organizations in more than 90 countries world wide working for a global treaty to eliminate nuclear weapons. They have many rich resources, including this one: <http://bit.ly/1N5VeZl>

...from little things big things grow...

187 governments met in 2000 and agreed to 13 practical steps for the systematic and progressive disarmament of the world's nuclear weapons:

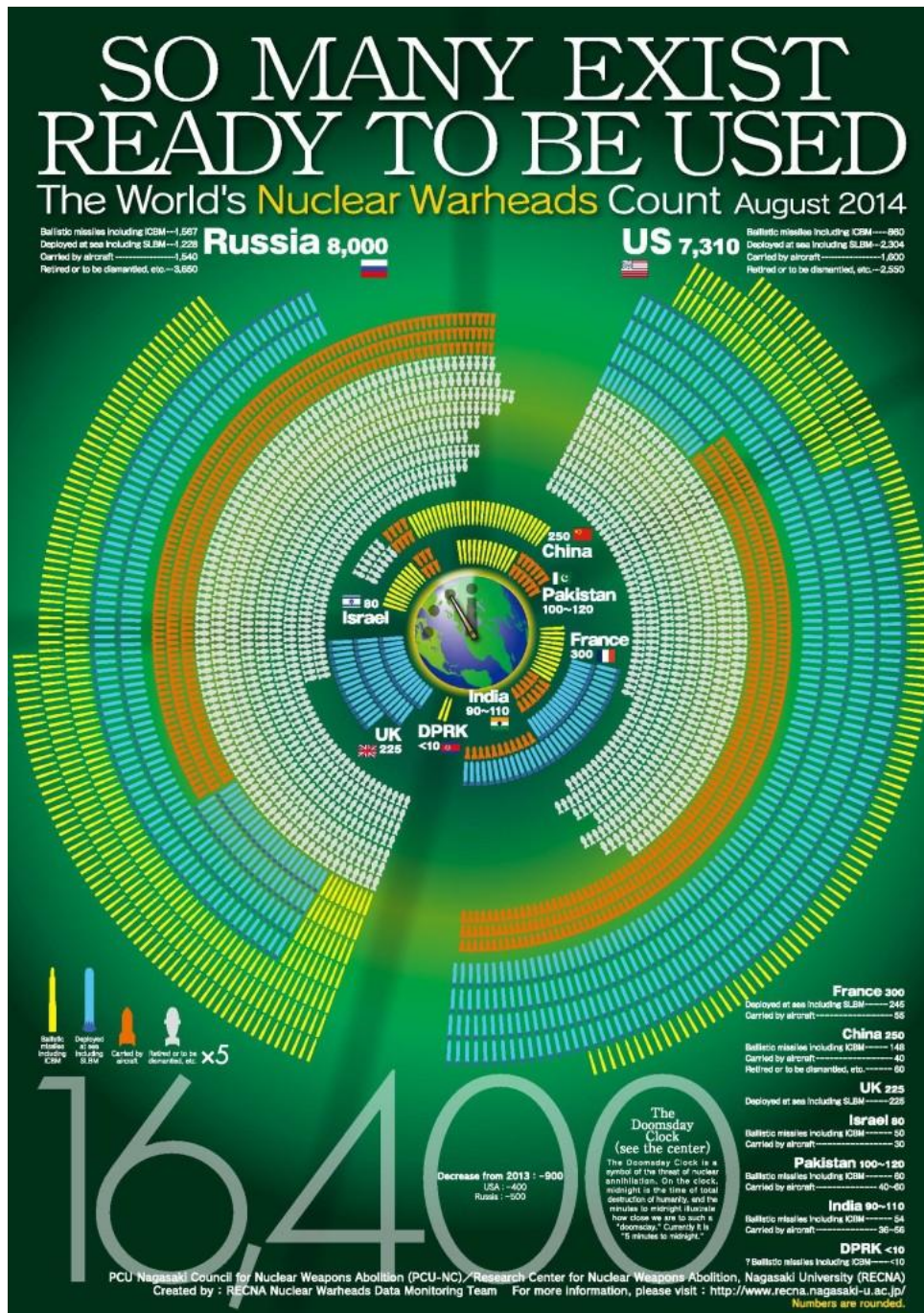


- 1 SIGN CTBT**
The importance and urgency of signatures and ratifications, without delay and without conditions and in accordance with constitutional processes, to achieve the early entry into force of the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test Ban Treaty.
- 2 STOP TESTING**
A moratorium on nuclear-weapon-test explosions or any other nuclear explosions pending entry into force of that Treaty.
- 3 NEGOTIATE**
The necessity of negotiations in the Conference on Disarmament on a non-discriminatory, multi-lateral and internationally and effectively verifiable treaty banning the production of fissile material for nuclear weapons or other nuclear explosive devices in accordance with the statement of the Special Coordinator in 1995 and the mandate contained therein, taking into consideration both nuclear disarmament and nuclear non-proliferation objectives. The Conference on Disarmament is urged to agree on a programme of work which includes the immediate commencement of negotiations on such a treaty with a view to their conclusion within five years.
- 4 NEGOTIATE**
The necessity of establishing in the Conference on Disarmament an appropriate subsidiary body with a mandate to deal with nuclear disarmament. The Conference on Disarmament is urged to agree on a programme of work which includes the immediate establishment of such a body.
- 5 NO GOING BACK**
The principle of irreversibility to apply to nuclear disarmament, nuclear and other related arms control and reduction measures.
- 6 ABOLISH NUKES**
An unequivocal undertaking by the nuclear-weapon States to accomplish the total elimination of their nuclear arsenals leading to nuclear disarmament to which all States parties are committed under Article VI.
- 7 IMPLEMENT EXISTING TREATIES**
The early entry into force and full implementation of START II and the conclusion of START III as soon as possible while preserving and strengthening the ABRT Treaty as a cornerstone of strategic stability and as a basis for further reductions of strategic offensive weapons, in accordance with its provisions.
- 8 IMPLEMENT EXISTING TREATIES**
The completion and implementation of the Budapest Initiative between the United States of America, the Russian Federation and the International Atomic Energy Agency.
- 9 STEP BY STEP**
Steps by all the nuclear-weapon States leading to nuclear disarmament in a way that promotes international stability and based on the principle of undiminished security for all:
Further efforts by the nuclear-weapon States to reduce their nuclear arsenals unilaterally.
Increased transparency by the nuclear-weapon States with regard to the nuclear weapons capabilities and the implementation of agreements pursuant to Article VI and as a voluntary confidence-building measure to support further progress on nuclear disarmament.
The further reduction of non-strategic nuclear weapons, based on unilateral initiatives and as an integral part of the nuclear arms reduction and disarmament process.
- 10 STOP PRODUCING PLUTONIUM**
Arrangements by all nuclear-weapon States to place, as soon as practicable, fissile material designated by each of them as no longer required for military purposes under IAEA or other relevant international verification and arrangements for the disposition of such material for peaceful purposes, to ensure that such material remains permanently outside of military programmes.
- 11 GENERAL & COMPLETE DISARMAMENT**
Reaffirmation that the ultimate objective of the efforts of States in the disarmament process is general and complete disarmament under effective international control.
- 12 REPORT**
Regular reports, within the framework of the NPT strengthened review process, by all States parties on the implementation of Article VI and paragraph 4 (c) of the 1995 Decision on "Principles and Objectives for Nuclear Non-Proliferation and Disarmament", and recalling the Advisory Opinion of the International Court of Justice of 8 July 1996.
- 13 VERIFY**
The further development of the verification capabilities that will be required to provide assurance of compliance with nuclear disarmament agreements for the achievement and maintenance of a nuclear-weapon-free world.

Reaching Critical Will, working for a critical mass of political will for nuclear disarmament, a project of the Network International League for Peace and Freedom
<http://www.reachingcriticalwill.org>

World's Nuclear Weapons Count Poster

The PCU Nagasaki Council for Nuclear Weapons Abolition, (PCU-NC) in cooperation with the Research Center for Nuclear Weapons Abolition (RECNA), Nagasaki University, have created this powerful graphic depiction of the World's Nuclear Weapons Count. Multiply the warheads pictured below by 5 and you have the world's current nuclear stockpile. A useful educational tool! For a full size version of this image, click here: <http://bit.ly/1EPcUEH>



Films

Organizers and activists working on the Peace & Planet Mobilization have compiled a list of films that cover a wide range of topics. Read more: <http://www.peaceandplanet.org/films/>

Nuclear Weapons Abolition

[The Atomic Cafe](#) – Narrated through an astonishing array of vintage clips and music (from military training films to campy advertisements, presidential speeches to pop songs) the film revolves around the threat (and thrill) of the newly minted atomic bomb. Taking aim at the propaganda and false optimism of the 1950s, the film's satire shines most vividly in the clever image splicing, such as footage of a decimated Hiroshima alongside cheerful suburban *duck-and-cover* routines. More than anything else, *The Atomic Cafe* shows how nuclear warfare infiltrated the living rooms of America, changing the nation from the inside out. Please contact the [American Friends Service Committee Film Lending Library](#) if you'd like to borrow a hard copy of this full-length film.

[Atomic Mom](#) - A feature length documentary about two women, both mothers, who have very different experiences of the atom bomb. One is my mother, Pauline Silvia, who was a Navy biologist in the early 1950's and was sent to the Nevada Test Site where she witnessed five detonations. After decades of silence, she is in a crisis of conscience about the work she did. The other woman is Emiko Okada, a Hiroshima survivor who was eight years old when the bomb was dropped.

[Chance of a Lifetime](#) - Short (under three minutes) films by young people participating in this project by the [Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament](#) (a leading UK peace organization and [member of our Coordinating Committee](#)).

[Deadly Connections: Challenging Nuclear Weapons, Nuclear Power, and Climate Change](#) – Two captivating panels presented at the Climate Convergence in New York City. The first, "[Nuclear weapons, nuclear power, and the nuclear disarmament impasse](#)" features presentations by [Jackie Cabasso](#) (Western States Legal Foundation; United for Peace and Justice), [M.V. Ramana](#) (Program on Science and Global Security, Princeton University), [Joseph Gerson](#) (American Friends Service Committee, and [Andrew Lichterman](#) (Western States Legal Foundation); moderated by Sofia Wolman (American Friends Service Committee). The Second panel "[What to do when the national politics are locked up on the big issues: acting locally and globally to pressure the capitals](#)" features [Tony DeBrum](#) (Foreign Minister, Republic of the Marshall Islands), [John Burroughs](#) (Lawyers Committee on Nuclear Policy; member of the international legal team representing [the Marshall Islands in their historic World Court case](#)), [Frank Cownie](#), Mayor of Des Moines, Iowa; member of [Mayors for Peace](#); Board Member, ICLEI USA (Local Governments for Sustainability USA), and [Judith LeBlanc](#) (Peace Action); moderated by Jackie Cabasso (Western States Legal Foundation; United for Peace and Justice). Some text available.

[For the Good of Mankind: Nukes, Drones and Robots](#) – Presentations by three leaders in peace and nuclear abolition work at the Techno-Utopianism and the Fate of the Earth Symposium in New York City (2014). [Introduction by Koochan Paik](#); "[Hiroshima, Fukushima, and Beyond](#)" by [Helen Caldicott](#); "[Present at the Birth](#)" by [Bravo Test survivor Neisen Laukon](#); and "[Space Tech & Full Spectrum Dominance](#)" by [Bruce Gagnon](#).

[Does the U.S. Need Nuclear Weapons?](#) – A 30 minute program that reviews the history of the development of nuclear weapons and the rationale for maintaining, at great expense, our nuclear arsenal to deter the Soviet Union in the years of the Cold War. Flashy news clips and brief personal interviews with Noam Chomsky, Ret. Adm. Eugene Carroll, Willam Colby, Colin Powell, Les Aspin, and

Dan Ellsberg lead us to see that because of a history of not using nuclear weapons and the totally devastating results of the two times they were used, nuclear weapons are in fact militarily useless, politically and economically unfeasible, and environmentally disastrous — and the policy of reliance on them as a deterrent has led us into a political impasse. A call for the U.S. to lead the way in ridding the earth of nuclear weapons forever by working through the U.N. for a comprehensive world-wide ban on nuclear weapons, for without such a ban the world will never be a safe place. A good starting point for a discussion of U.S. domestic and foreign policy. Good for classes in World and U.S. history and political science. Excellent production and information quality.

[Hiroshima: Why the Bomb Was Dropped](#) – Through Peter Jennings’ narration, newsreel clips, excerpts from writings of officials involved in the decision to drop the bombs, and interviews with several World War II historians, this excellent ABC production provides us with information that was censored from the 1995 Smithsonian exhibit on the atomic bombing and the official history of the dropping of the atomic bombs. Examines the belief that dropping the bombs saved a million American lives that would have been lost in a ground invasion. By providing us with insight into the minds of President Truman and his military, scientific, and political advisers, this video allows us to see that the decision to drop the bomb was far more complicated. Jennings admonishes the veterans and congress people whose protests led to the elimination of a Smithsonian exhibit depicting the terrible destruction and misery caused by the atomic bombs dropped on the Japanese cities Hiroshima and Nagasaki. Excellent quality of information and production. Please contact the [American Friends Service Committee Film Lending Library](#) if you’d like to borrow a hard copy of this 70 minute program.

[In My Lifetime](#) - *Filmed in Europe, Japan and the U.S., IN MY LIFETIME focuses on the continuing struggle of citizens, scientists and political leaders working to reduce or eliminate the atomic threat, while others search for ways to build nuclear weapons. In contemporary interviews, former heads of state, United Nations representatives, figures from the nuclear establishment, Manhattan Project scientists, Nobel Peace- and Pulitzer Prize-winners, military personnel and atomic-bomb survivors recount the birth of the nuclear age and detail the key developments that followed. The film shifts between historical events, including the Cuban missile crisis and the historic 1986 Reykjavik Summit between Reagan and Gorbachev to present-day efforts to contain the spread of nuclear weapons. IN MY LIFETIME also details the obstacles — political and human — impeding a solution to this complex global issue. [Previews available here.](#)*

[Interview with Angela Kane for the International Day for the Total Elimination of Nuclear Weapons](#)— 8 minute interview filmed for the first International Day for the Total Elimination of Nuclear Weapons – September 26, 2014.

[Last Empire](#) - This 30 minute program provides excellent information about of U.S. intervention in the Third World and includes startling archival footage. Howard Zinn and Noam Chomsky debunk the myth that stopping communism was the goal of U.S. foreign policy in the 1980s, and examine the real basis of U.S. interventionism. Closely examines specific instances when the U.S. threatened to use nuclear weapons in Korea, Vietnam, Cuba and the Middle East. Helen Caldicott and Gene LaRoque show how easy it would be for a conflict on the Third World to quickly develop into a nuclear conflict. Since the historical justifications used to support U.S. foreign policy are myths, Howard Zinn shows how important it is to have a sense of history if we are to reduce the threat of war and nuclear confrontation.

[Last Week Tonight with John Oliver](#) – A humorous take on the recent findings of near misses, accidents, and the dangers of the United States nuclear arsenal.

[Nuclear Savage: The Islands of Secret Project 4.1](#) – A heartbreaking and intimate ethnographic portrait of Pacific Islanders struggling for dignity and survival after decades of intentional radiation poisoning at

the hands of the American government. Relying on recently declassified U.S. government documents,devastating survivor testimony, and incredible unseen archival footage, This untold and true detective story reveals how U.S. scientists turned a Pacific paradise into a radioactive hell. Marshall islanders were used as human guinea pigs for three decades to study the effects of nuclear fallout on human beings with devastating results. Nuclear Savage is a shocking tale that pierces the heart of our democratic principles. [Trailer available here](#), and please contact rwayman@napf.org to arrange a screening of the full-length film. [Sign here](#) to support the [Nuclear Zero Lawsuits](#), filed by the Republic of the Marshall Islands in the International Court of Justice in April 2014.

[The Medical, Environmental, and Humanitarian Consequences of Nuclear War](#) - In this 13 minute film, International Physicians for the Prevention of Nuclear War's Co-President, Ira Helfand, explains the medical, environmental, and humanitarian consequences of the use of nuclear weapons, and urges viewers of this video to take action for their elimination.

[Pakistan and India Under The Nuclear Shadow](#) – 32min documentary from the Pakistani side that makes the case against nuclear weapons.

[Pictures from a Hiroshima Schoolyard](#) – A collection of surprisingly joyful drawings created by school children living among the ruins of Hiroshima in 1947 becomes the heart and soul of this true, inspiring story about an exchange of gifts between Americans and Japanese after a devastating war. This powerful documentary about reconciliation and the power of gift, introduces the children artists (now in their late 70s) who reflect on their early lives amidst the rubble of their destroyed city and the hope they shared through their art. In 2010, the newly restored drawings, buried for decades deep inside All Souls Church in Washington DC, are taken back to Japan where they are reunited with the artists and exhibited in the very building where they were created.

[The Ultimate Wish: Ending the Nuclear Age](#) – Co-produced by Kathleen Sullivan, who represents [Hibakusha Stories](#) on the [Peace & Planet Advisory Committee](#). Moving, unforgettable stories by living, courageous, inspirational women who survived two of the world's most momentous radiation crises: 2011 Fukushima and 1945 Nagasaki. They are interlaced with nuclear experts and archival footage, some shocking, illuminating the largely unrecognized connection between nuclear weapons and nuclear power, and the growing global movements to abolish both. The documentary focuses on women coping with environmental catastrophes, and an alert to everyone today about the dangers of continued nuclear proliferation and nuclear power. It raises profound questions about war, technological failure, the courage to survive and the importance of taking positive actions to prevent future nuclear disasters.

[War and Peace](#) – Filmed over four tumultuous years in India, Pakistan, Japan and the USA following nuclear tests in the Indian sub-continent, War and Peace is a documentary journey of peace activism in the face of global militarism and war. The film is framed by the murder of Mahatma Gandhi in 1948, an act whose portent and poignancy remains undiminished half a century later. For the filmmaker, whose family was immersed in the non-violent Gandhian movement, the sub-continent's trajectory towards unabashed militarism is explored with sorrow though the film captures stories of resistance along the way. Amongst these is a visit to the "enemy country" of Pakistan, where contrary to expectations, Indian delegates are showered by affection not only by their counterparts in the peace movement but by uninitiated common folk.

Climate Change, Nuclear Power, and Environmental Justice

[A2-B-C](#) – Eighteen months after the nuclear meltdown, children in Fukushima are suffering from severe nose bleeds and are developing skin rashes and thyroid cysts and nodules. Citing a lack of transparency

in the official medical testing of their children and the ineffectiveness of the decontamination of their homes and schools, the children's mothers take radiation monitoring into their own hands.

[The Atomic States of America](#) – In 2010, the United States announced the first new nuclear power plant construction in over 32 years. The 'Nuclear Renaissance' was born, and America's long-stalled expansion of nuclear energy was infused with new life. The Atomic States of America takes the viewer on a journey to reactor communities around the country, and seeks to explore the truths and myths of nuclear power. From the gates of Three Mile Island, to the cooling ponds of Braidwood, IL, this film introduces the viewer to people who have been on the front lines of this issue for decades. Begun more than a year before the disaster in Japan, the deeply investigated documentary gains a unique before and after perspective, and includes interviews with – Nuclear Regulatory Commission inspectors, community advocates, investigative journalists, renowned physicists, nuclear engineers, and former government leaders. As the nation stands at the crossroads of the Nuclear Renaissance, The Atomic States of America seeks to inspire an honest dialog about whether or not man can responsibly split the atom.

[Quietly Into Disaster](#) - This movie deals with facts and topics concerning nuclear fission: damages done to health and environment, nuclear waste and politics, renewable energies, reactor safety, the serious implications of a nuclear accident – and the public resistance.”

Today's Wars and Confrontations

[Arsenal of Hypocrisy: The Space Program and the Military Industrial Complex](#) – To understand how and why the space program will be used to fight all future wars on earth from space, it's important to understand how the public has been misled about the origins and true purpose of the Space Program. The one-hour production features archival footage, Pentagon documents, and clearly outlines the U.S. plan to “control and dominate” space and the Earth below. The video spells out the dangers of the Bush “Nuclear Systems Initiative” that will expand the use of nuclear power in space by building Project Prometheus — the nuclear rocket.

[Crossing the Lines: Kashmir, Pakistan, India](#) – 47 minute documentary from the Pakistani side that seeks to look at the Kashmir dispute objectively.

[Pax Americana and the Weaponization of Space](#) - Today the technology exists to weaponize space, a massive American industry thrives, and nations are maneuvering for advantage. PAX AMERICANA tackles this pivotal moment. Are war machines already orbiting Earth? Can treaties keep space weapons-free? Must the World capitulate to one super-cop on the global beat? With startling archival footage and unprecedented access to US Air Force Space Command, this elegant, forceful documentary reveals the state of play through generals, space-policy analysts, politicians, diplomats, peace activists, and hawks.

[What in the World?: Jeju's Aching Heart](#) – “For a long time to come, 2007 would be imprinted on the minds of the people of Jeju Island, for two reasons. This was the year the island was designated as a UNESCO World Heritage Site, citing the island's outstanding geological features. It was also the year that Gangjeong Village was designated as the location of a major military naval base.” In this 25 minute RTE ONE segment, Peadar King reports on local opposition to the construction of a naval base on Jeju Island off South Korea, and examines the effects of the arms race on the world in general.

Community Contributions

Fukushima: What You Need to Know

Mark Heley of the Unify Cooperation Circle has published a book entitled, "Fukushima: What You Need to Know." It is "a concise but comprehensive guide to the disaster at Fukushima and its ongoing consequences. Presenting a solution-based approach, Mark Heley details the current problems and future potential risks and offers balanced information about what we can do about them. Read more: <http://amzn.to/1BpGI6q>

2020 Vision Campaign

"The 2020 Vision Campaign is the primary campaigning body of Mayors for Peace. It arose out of the "Emergency campaign to ban nuclear weapons" launched by Mayors for Peace in 2003, and its focus is nuclear disarmament, although the Mayors for Peace Covenant gives the organisation a mandate to work on a broad range of issues from the elimination of poverty to the protection of the environment.

The 2020 Vision Campaign, with its ambitious goal of abolishing nuclear weapons by 2020, provides a focal point for Mayors for Peace and represents a high level of sustained activism. It is the 2020 Vision Campaign which has put Mayors for Peace 'on the map' and spurred the huge growth in membership since 2003. This, no doubt, will be the lasting legacy of Mayor Tadatoshi Akiba's period at the helm of Mayors for Peace." Read more: <http://www.2020visioncampaign.org/>

Nuclear War: Hiroshima, Nagasaki, and A Workable Moral Strategy for Achieving and Preserving World Peace

After 53 years teaching about nuclear war and peace, 2014 Dr. Raymond G. Wilson put the important things together in this book. The book available in hard copy format from Amazon and a PDF is downloadable AT NO COST from the link below. Chapter 5 contains a workable moral strategy for achieving and preserving world peace. Download the book now: <http://bit.ly/1NdoVWB>

Can We Have A Nuclear-Free World?

George Wolfe chairs the Muncie Interfaith Fellowship, a URI Cooperation Circle and has written an article for InterMix on the topic of nuclear abolition. Wolfe is Professor Emeritus at Ball State University and former Director and Coordinator of Outreach Programs for the Ball State University Center for Peace and Conflict Studies. He is also the author of The Spiritual Power of Nonviolence: Interfaith Understanding for a Future Without War. Read the article here: <http://bit.ly/1NdoVWB>