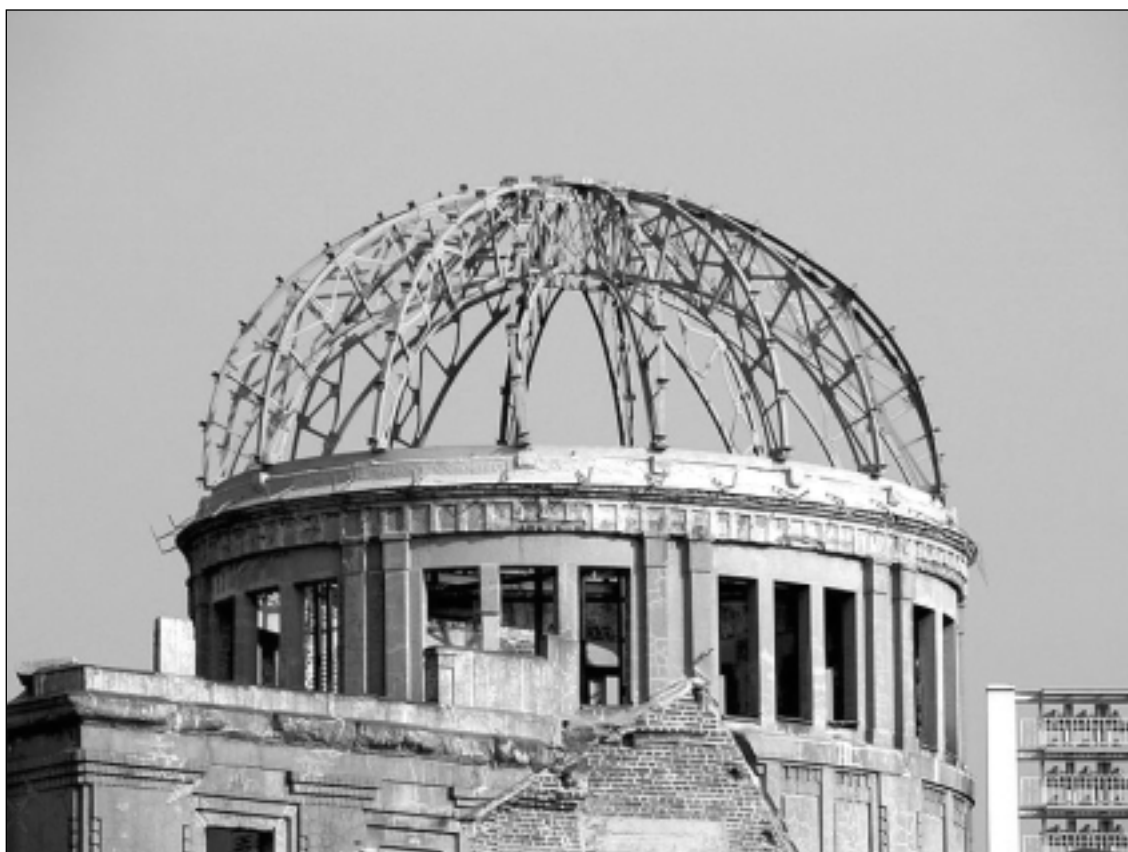




The Legacy of the Bomb: Hiroshima and Nagasaki Remembered



Hiroshima Peace Memorial (Genbaku Dome) Hiroshima, Japan

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Editorial

The summer months inevitably bring us to reflect upon the tragic events of the 6th and the 9th August 1945, when the atomic bomb was intentionally dropped upon civilian populations for the first and last time. 65 years on, the determined plea of Archbishop Mitsuki Takamiat at the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Review Conference in New York reminds us of the imperative of working towards nuclear abolition. A prayer from the Presbyterian Peacemaking Program encapsulates this sentiment:

**“We join the cry that goes up around the world this day:
Hiroshima, never again.”**

Christian CND was busy at the NPT Review Conference in May, holding daily prayer vigils, meeting with delegates and distributing campaign information. Since we have returned to the UK we have continued to build upon the work done in New York and on the 5th June, we organised 'Strictly Disarming' -an event at the Aldermaston Atomic Weapons Establishment to call for a Nuclear Weapons Convention.

Looking ahead to the coming months, there are lots of interesting events for your diaries. We will be commemorating the Atomic Bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki, with a Lantern Floating Event in Oxford on the 8th August and a Peace vigil jointly held with Pax Christi in London on Nagasaki Day, 9th August. We will also be contributing to the Network of Christian Peace Organisations presence at the Greenbelt Christian Arts Festival on the August Bank Holiday weekend, with Bruce Kent set to delight the crowds on our behalf!

Beyond this, of course, we are building towards our 50th Anniversary celebrations with the 'Pilgrimage to Peace' taking place from the 29th-31st October at Coventry Cathedral. More details about this exciting event to follow!

In Peace,

Chris Wood
(QPSW Campaigns Officer)

waiting to grab a delegate
at the Review Conference



Take A Courageous Step Toward The Total Abolition Of Nuclear Weapons

We, as the bishops of the Catholic Church of Hiroshima and Nagasaki in Japan, which is the only country in the world to have suffered nuclear attacks, demand that the President of the United States, the Japanese government and the leaders of other countries make utmost efforts to abolish nuclear weapons, while we share the intention of our Pope, the supreme leader of the Catholic Church.

The nuclear weapons deprived over one hundred thousand people's lives in an instant at the end of the previous world war. And the bomb survivors continue to suffer physically and spiritually even now. Since the test of a thermonuclear bomb with the kill rate several thousand times as deadly as a nuclear bomb, these formidable nuclear bombs have been produced massively in various forms after being improved for actual warfare.

How sad and foolish it is to abuse the progress that humanity has made in the fields of science and technology, in order to destroy lives as massively and swiftly as possible, and to earn more profit by producing weapons! A clear example of such foolishness appeared in a condensed manner in the atomic bombings. However, the responsibility of the sin should be born not only by the United States which actually dropped the atomic bombs, but also the other countries including Japan which have kept on waging wars throughout their history. In this sense, while reflecting on our past conduct, we wish to advance together toward the common aims for the future, which are the abolition of nuclear weapons and the realization of a world without wars.

Currently there are over 20,000 nuclear weapons in the world. Under such circumstance, in addition to holding up an ideal to realize a world free of nuclear weapons, it is essential that we reduce such weapons practically. That is because the abolition of these weapons will never be achieved without accumulating such efforts. In the Nuclear Security Summit in April and the Review Conference of the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT) in May, we sincerely hope that the world leaders will reach an agreement to take a secure step

toward the abolition of nuclear weapons, beyond their own interests.

To the world leaders:

It is clear that the goal to abolish nuclear weapons is the challenge of all countries regardless of whether each country possesses nuclear weapons or not. A huge amount of expense is needed to produce and maintain nuclear weapons. Although the nuclear deterrence is a first step toward the abolition of nuclear weapons, it will not be able to bring about true peace because it will merely escalate the causes of wars. If a country or group somewhere uses these weapons, its impact will affect the whole earth. What everyone desires is not to live in the world full of struggles surrounded by weapons, but to realize a world where everyone can live a humane life filled with love and trust while cooperating with each other. Humanity can wage wars, but at the same time it can also make the choice not to, and is expected to play a role in this decision. All of you who have been elected as the leaders of your countries are in the position capable of making great contributions to peace.

We request you once again to take a courageous step toward the total abolition of nuclear weapons and the realization of a world without wars.

Archbishop Mitsuaki Takami, Nagasaki Archdiocese of the Catholic Church
Bishop Atsumi Misue, Hiroshima Diocese of the Catholic Church



Michael Pulham with a 'Hibakusha', an A-bomb survivor (centre) in the UN Chamber

Extract taken from a speech delivered by the Archbishop Takami of Nagasaki at the 2010 NPT Review Conference in New York

Work in Progress

In Ploughshare Plus, we promised you a fuller report on the New York Review Conference. It is still only a 'taster' as the final document runs to 28 pages.

The report from an alliance of 9 UK Churches expressed disappointment at the failure of the nuclear weapons states to agree deadlines for action on nuclear disarmament although they welcomed progress made in discussion on the Middle East.

The Final Document follows 122 paragraphs of comments on the treaty itself by recommendations for follow-on actions. I have picked out some points that I felt we could build on in our Christian CND Campaign.

It emphasises the 'catastrophic humanitarian consequences' of any use of nuclear weapons and reaffirms the need "for all states at all times to comply with applicable **international law** including **international humanitarian law**."

On Disarmament: "The Conference reaffirms the urgent need for the NSW to **implement the steps** leading to nuclear disarmament agreed to in the final document of the 2000 Review Conference. (The oft quoted 13 steps)

On nuclear weapons: "The NWS commit to undertake further efforts to reduce and ultimately eliminate **all types of nuclear weapons**, deployed and non-deployed."

On the role of nuclear weapons: "To **diminish the role** of nuclear weapons in security policy.."

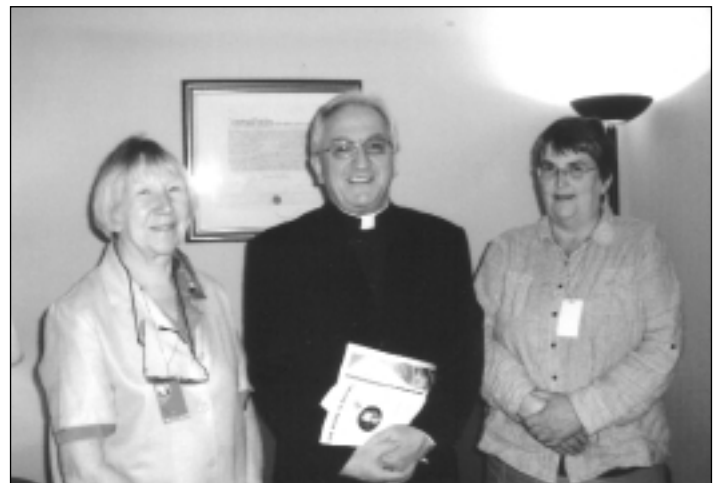
On reporting back: "The NWS are called upon to **report the above undertaking** to the Preparatory Committee at 2014. The 2015 Review Conference will take stock and consider the next steps for the **full implementation of Article VI**."

The Final Statement also calls for more Nuclear Free Zones and the rapid bringing into force of the Comprehensive Nuclear Test Ban Treaty. (CTBT, awaiting the promised ratification by the US). Unfortunately, a great deal of emphasis was placed on the expansion

of nuclear energy. This is considered to be one of the pillars of the NPT, the bribe to non-NWS not to develop nuclear weapons.

The CCND group, Michael and Patricia Pulham, Caroline Gilbert and Chris Wood were fortunate in arranging meetings with the delegates from Ireland and the Holy See to discuss points from the Papers they had presented to the Review Conference.

Archbishop Migliore (Holy See) started his paper by quoting from Pope Benedict's message to the Conference..."Peace, in fact, rests on trust and on respect for promises made, not merely on the equilibrium of forces...I exhort all those participating in the NY meeting to overcome the burdens of history and to weave patiently a political and economic web of peace in order to foster integral human development and the



Patricia and Caroline with the Holy See's permanent observer to the United Nations - Archbishop Migliore

authentic aspirations of peoples." He also says of NWS - "They are no longer justified for deterrence but have become entrenched in the military doctrines of the major powers." "...as long as nuclear weapons exist they will allow and even encourage proliferation, and there is always the risk that nuclear material produced for the peaceful use of energy will be turned into weapons." Caroline, Michael and myself were able to visit the Archbishop at his residence and discuss his paper further and also the organised walk-out when President Ahmadinajad spoke. (The Holy See's representatives did not join in this walk-out. "Certainly not!")

We also set up a meeting with our very good friends from Ireland to which we were able to invite the CND reps. In the Irish paper, the nightmare scenario of a nuclear winter is mentioned, also the selective approaches re non-proliferation which down-play the need of progress in disarmament. "As long as some states appear to covet their nuclear weapons and be reluctant to relinquish them, others will covet them too and will strive to acquire them. Those who possess nuclear weapons must show the bold leadership necessary to break this cycle if we are to realise the vision of a world free from nuclear weapons."



The Christian CND delegation with the Farebrother's and friends from France by the Isaiah Wall for the morning prayer vigil.

Micheal Martin, who delivered this paper, quoted Edmund Burke, "Never despair; but if you do, work on in despair."

Well, we don't despair even though we get frustrated at lack of concrete progress.

Taniguchi Sumiterua, a Nagasaki Hibakusha, titled his moving NGO presentation, "Humans cannot coexist with Nuclear Weapons", so to conclude with the Closing Statement from the NGO Abolition Caucus: "We have not resigned ourselves to another five years without an action plan for the abolition of nuclear weapons. Upon the conclusion of this Review Conference, NGOs will immediately reach out to those States who have voiced support for a Nuclear Weapons Convention, and will explore steps we can take together to build a global foundation for such a treaty."

Patricia Pulham

Nuclear Abolition Day - 5th June:

'Strictly Disarming'

On the 5th June, following the end of the Review Conference on the 28th May, Christian CND organised an event entitled 'Strictly Disarming' at the gates of AWE Aldermaston. The event was part of a global day of action for 'Nuclear Abolition Day' to call for a Nuclear Weapons Convention to abolish all nuclear weapons. Participants came with their own creative interpretation of "what the words 'NWC' mean to you?" to be judged by a distinguished panel. Entries included flag waving, a rap from Patricia Pulham (included below) and the winning entry from Kelvin Gascoyne of a fabulous balloon display.



It says 'spontaneous protest' but someone must have been expecting us!



Kelvin impresses the judges with his interpretation of 'NWC'

Abolition Rap

WMD, WMD, WMD...

The Trident Missile is a 20 year wonder
 With forty eight warheads and its voice of thunder.
 It goes real far
 And it goes real fast
 And it blows up the people
 With its mighty blast
 And it turns them to cinders
 And it just don't care
 If there's kids and there's women
 And there's old folks there.

BUT..

All of a sudden comes an itsy-bitsy bird
 And it don't say nuffin,
 No it don't say a word

And it goes to the letters
 And it turns them around
 And there in the distance
 Is an awesome sound
 And it starts like a whisper
 And it's hard to hear,
 But the words get clearer
 As the folks draw near.

SO..

There's a brand new rhythm for you and me
 And we all join in **-EN-DOUBLE-YOU-CEE!**
 Louder and louder
 Till the whole world hears
 And those old politicians
 Cannot block their ears.
 And we'll keep on shouting
 Till their ears are sore-
 And there'll be **NO MORE TRIDENT**
 And **NO MORE WAR!** NWC, NWC, NWC...



Nuclear Abolition Day comes to AWE Aldermaston

Greenbelt Christian Arts Festival 2010: The Art of Looking Sideways

This summer Christian CND will once again be taking part in the Network of Christian Peace Organisations (NCPO) presence at Greenbelt Festival 2010. For many years, The Network of Christian Peace Organisations has held an event at the Greenbelt Festival. Entitled "The Peacezone", it aims to engage and inform young people in particular, about peace and reconciliation matters using art, music and talks by experts in the field. It is also a base from which events around the festival venue are organised.

Peacezone 2010 - active nonviolence made visible

One of my favourite things about Greenbelt Christian performing arts festival is an innovative creation known as 'beer and hymns' - it doesn't really need explaining - it does what it says on the tin. In my case that will be a tin of Heineken - because it reaches the parts other beers can't! This is also why the Network of Christian Peace Organisations (NCPO) will be returning to Greenbelt in August 2010 with the long running and successful interactive installation known as 'The Peacezone'. We hope to reach out to young Christians,



Some vigorous debate taking place at Greenbelt

primarily, with a transforming message of peace and nonviolence that they may not hear as often as we'd hope in their churches or faith communities. The 20,000 young people who attend, are all the potential future of peacemaking and we want to make sure that they get a chance to connect with this exciting possibility.

The NCPO is an ecumenical network of organisations in the Christian peace tradition committed to furthering peace and encouraging our churches to support the peace movement. Each year a team of representatives from NCPO organisations get together to plan and run the Peacezone. This year we are a fairly new team of

people and it has been fantastic to see how a diverse group has gelled together and drawn on each other's different strengths and talents to come up with an innovative incarnation of the Peacezone for Greenbelt 2010. Greenbelt's theme this year is 'The Art of Looking Sideways' and the Peacezone will interpret this by focussing on Active Nonviolence, an often unseen third way of dealing with conflict that goes beyond the



NCPO Peacezone team 2009 (Photo: Chris Cole)

obvious flight or fight.

Through a mix of serious and fun, hands-on activities visitors will be challenged by different conflict situations, asked to reflect on them and encouraged to consider ways to respond non-violently. The centrepiece is a large scale model of the Israeli Separation Wall that participants will prayerfully dismantle throughout the course of the festival, to reveal a collage of nonviolent resistance beneath. As visitors remove parts of the wall, they can inscribe prayers onto them and replace them on a new Peace Wall. There will also be smaller ways to engage with active nonviolence creatively, like making individualised pin badges and face 'printing' with a Peacezone logo to highlight the real message behind the gospel message to 'turn the other cheek' - a message of active love, not passive doormat-ism. Of course you can't communicate the full breadth of what nonviolence means just via a logo (if only life were that simple!). So we'll also have lots of friendly volunteers on hand to chat with visitors about the issues, as well as offering them cups of tea or handmade peace chocolates with messages of nonviolence inside.

Despite much fun and friendliness, we are also keen for the Peacezone to go beyond the sort of soft and fluffy image that is often pinned onto a pacifist perspective by others. Via a one hour workshop on 'What is Active

Nonviolence?' on the main stage of the G-Source tent and by linking our installation to campaign actions that visitors can take on the spot, we want also to offer those visitors who are inspired by the potential of active nonviolence, simple ways that they can be immediately politically active - like adding their voice to the growing new movement in opposition to the use of unmanned drones in Afghanistan and Pakistan, or taking steps to support the global Boycott Divestment Sanctions movement against the state of Israel. We hope that the Peacezone 2010 will reach parts that NCPO hasn't reached before and young people who might not hear the message of nonviolence anywhere else. And if we succeed in our mission, we can guarantee the whole team of volunteers will be celebrating with some beer and hymns!

Amy Hailwood

Amy is the Education and Campaigns Officer at Fellowship of Reconciliation (FOR) and is a member of the Greenbelt 2010 Peacezone Planning Committee.



The Peacezone in full swing (Photo: Hilary Topp)

This year's Greenbelt Festival promises to be an exciting event for us. As well as taking part in the Peace Zone activities, Bruce Kent will be speaking on our behalf on 'A Christian Challenge to Britain's War Culture.' Don't miss out, book your ticket now!

If you are interested in coming to Greenbelt 2010 and would like to book tickets or find out more information, call the Greenbelt Office on 02073742760 (9.30am-5.30pm).

Christianity and armed forces

As Gandhi remarked, the only people who don't realise that Christ opposed violence are Christians. Recent years have seen increasing numbers of Christians exploring nonviolence, yet we do so with the legacy of Christian collusion with militarism hanging over us.

Nowhere is this more apparent than in the confusion around Christian attitudes to the armed forces. There will be a chance to explore this issue at Greenbelt where I'll be discussing it with an armed forces chaplain.

Simply condemning soldiers would be wrong, as we would be ignoring our own complicity in sin and violence. Instead, there are clear reasons for working against the armed forces as an institution. They exist for the purpose of violence, and their members are required to obey orders without question, which means putting God in second place. No-one can serve two masters.

Maintaining armed forces costs billions, but is an ineffective way of countering today's security threats, such as climate change and terrorism. Military recruiters target the most disadvantaged sectors of society - the average reading age of people enlisting in the British army is seven.

But while the armed forces exist, what attitude should we as Christians take towards them? I'm certainly not calling on churches to stop supplying chaplains to the forces, many of whose members face desperate and deadly situations and urgently need pastoral care - whether or not we approve of what they are doing.

The problem is not with chaplaincy as such but the way it is done. Chaplains are officially members of the forces themselves, given ranks and swearing oaths of loyalty. I have no doubt that many of them are devout, compassionate people. But I wonder how many do the work of the war machine by helping to salve the consciences of those who ask themselves whether what they are doing is ethical.

We need structural changes to allow soldiers to benefit from the services of chaplains who are not themselves members of the forces. They would be genuinely inde-

pendent and not subservient to the system.

Denominations can also perform a great service by providing chaplains to the unarmed forces - aid workers, mediators, human rights monitors and others who go into conflict zones without weapons. And if churches are to have integrity, their provision of chaplains must go along with efforts to transform understandings of security and promote nonviolent approaches to conflict resolution.

We cannot make these changes without addressing the legacies of Christendom. The current system of military chaplains, rather like such absurdities as a House of Lords that includes bishops, is a hangover from the days when church and state overlapped. Rather than clinging on to the vestiges of Christendom, let's welcome the multicultural nature of Post-Christendom in which we can turn again to the radical teachings of Jesus without the compromises of wealth and power. In this way, we may reach a situation in which the non-violent nature of Jesus' message is as obvious to Christians as it is to others.

Symon Hill

*Symon Hill works for the independent Quaker magazine *The Friend*, as well as being a freelance journalist and trainer. Symon will be taking part in a debate at Greenbelt Festival with a military chaplain on the topic of 'Christian perspectives on the military'.*



Swords into Ploughshares sculpture, UN Building, New York

Lantern Floating

Donnington Bridge, Oxford

7 p.m. Sunday 8th August



To commemorate the victims of the Hiroshima and Nagasaki atomic bombs
Bruce Kent,
Imam Mubarak Basra, Cllr David Williams,
music, reflections, prayers.
8.30 pm Candle-lit Lantern launch on Thames

Never Again!

On the 6th August 1945 the US dropped an atomic bomb on Hiroshima; on the 9th another on Nagasaki in Japan. The cities were obliterated, over 250,000 people were killed, many more injured, and generations poisoned by radiation.

As a signatory of the Nuclear Non-proliferation Treaty, the UK has agreed to the 'elimination of all nuclear arsenals'.

The UK still has the Trident nuclear system, with 160 nuclear warheads, each with 8 times the destructive power of the bomb that devastated Hiroshima.

Britain should fulfill its Treaty obligations; scrap our existing Trident nuclear weapons system and cancel Trident Replacement.

Defence Minister Liam Fox has said it is time to move on from the cold war but has also decided to exclude Trident - a symbol of the cold war - from the Defence Review. Britain faces the biggest economic crisis since World War II, with debate on public sector spending levels. We cannot afford to spend £76bn to replace Trident with a new generation of nuclear weapons.

Oxford is a member of 'Mayors for Peace' which was founded by the Mayors of Hiroshima and Nagasaki to achieve the abolition of all nuclear weapons world wide by 2020. These cities feel they owe this to the victims of Hiroshima and Nagasaki. Oxford flew a Rainbow Peace Flag on the Town Hall for the first week of the NPT Review Conference in May this year.

Meanwhile, we enact an old Japanese custom to commemorate the victims of Hiroshima and Nagasaki. As it grows dark, we shall launch floating candles from the bank of the Thames at Donnington Bridge. These symbolize the spirits of the dead drifting back to their peace beyond their brutally shortened lives.

How to join CCND

Annual membership subscriptions are:

- Waged, individual: £12 (£15 household)
- Unwaged individual £6, (£8 household)
- Group affiliation: from £10
- I/we wish to be a member of CCND
- Please send a standing order form
- I enclose a cheque/PO (payable to CCND) to include the following:
 Membership: £.....
 Donation: £..... (Thank you!)
 TOTAL: £.....

Name.....

Address.....Postcode.....

Telephone.....Email:.....

Denomination/church position:
 (Optional)

- To help with local campaigning, I agree that my contact details can be passed on to other CCND members.

CCND will **never** pass members' details to anyone who is not a CCND member.

Please return form to: Christian CND 162 Holloway Rd, London, N7 8DQ

After the Bomb Dropped - Exhibition



'After the Bomb Dropped: How Hiroshima and Nagasaki Suffered' is an exhibition that explores the destruction of the two cities by nuclear weapons through photographs and artefacts recovered from the wreckage. Transported from Japan and on display in London for the first time, this represents a unique opportunity to see firsthand the destructive capabilities of nuclear weapons. The exhibition programme will include a series of events to explore further the realities of nuclear warfare, including a rare chance to hear from a survivor of the bomb, plus talks, music, and events for children and young people.

Timed to coincide with the 65th anniversary of the attacks on Hiroshima and Nagasaki, 'After the Bomb Dropped' promises to be a poignant exploration of the tragic events of August 1945.

Opening Hours: 10am-5.30pm daily at Friends House, 173 Euston Road, London NW1 2BJ.

Transport: London Euston (rail/underground), Kings Cross/St Pancras (rail/underground), Euston Sq (underground), Russell Sq (underground).

Organised by: The Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament (CND) working with the Religious Society of Friends (Quakers), and the Hiroshima Peace Memorial Museum, which is kindly providing the materials for the exhibition.

Telephone: 0207 7700 2393 / 0207 7663 1067.

Nagasaki Day commemorations

LIFE TAKEN, LIFE GIVEN, LIFE CHOSEN

A PEACE JOURNEY: 9th August:

Chris Wood will be conducting a guided tour of the exhibition 'After the Bomb Dropped', followed by a Christian CND/Pax Christi Peace Vigil in the Peace Garden at Friends House. We will also be joined by our friends the monks coming from the Battersea Peace Pagoda.



Buddhists chanting and meditating by the Isaiah Wall in New York

Those wishing to participate in the Battersea Peace Walk will walk from there to Westminster Cathedral for a Pax Christi service commemorating Franz Jaegerstatter (anniversary of his execution) at 6:30pm, and to the Battersea Peace Pagoda for a Nagasaki Day Memorial Service from 8.30pm by the Peace Pagoda.

Full details for the event are as follows:

Friends House, Room 7, 173-177 Euston Road, London NW1 2BJ Assemble in Friends House reception at 4pm for tour. Tour from 4.05pm-4.30pm. Peace vigil from 4.30pm-5.00pm. Walk from Friends House to Westminster Cathedral 5pm-6.30pm. Pax Christi service at the Crypt Chapel, Westminster Cathedral, 6.30pm-7.30pm. Peace Walk from Westminster Cathedral to Battersea Peace Pagoda from 7.30pm. Assemble at 8.30pm by the Peace Pagoda for memorial ceremony.

We hope you all have the dates for our Golden Anniversary event in your diary - you will remember that the date had to be changed because of the Papal visit but is now fixed ...October 29th-31st, in and around Coventry.



Here are some exciting ideas in our draft timetable:

Friday evening:

Reception. Speaker - Bruce Kent, "Cathedral by Night" tour and Compline.

Saturday morning and evening:

Mini-pilgrimage taking in the various symbolic spaces and objects around the cathedral area and ruins. Welcome, Speakers (including Paul Oestreicher) and workshops. Theology and campaigning.

Saturday afternoon:

A party to celebrate our Golden Jubilee

Sunday Morning:

Cathedral Eucharist, including something to mark our event.

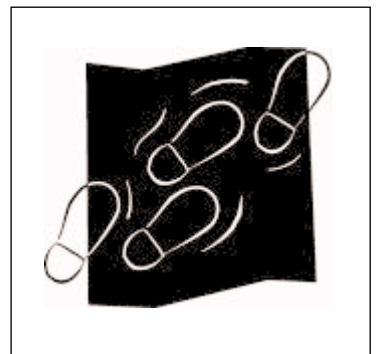
Sunday afternoon:

A short "sending-out" ceremony, followed by a prayer vigil at a local arms-related venue, the first stop in our on-going pilgrimage.

Final details, names of speakers and workshops in your next Ploughshare Plus.

Patricia Pulham

**Pilgrimage to Peace:
Christian CND Golden
Anniversary
29-31st October
Coventry Cathedral
1 Hill Top
Coventry,
West Midlands
CV1 5AB**



Prayer Diary

6th & 9th August: The Prayer of Hiroshima and Nagasaki

Hibakusha say simply, "I met with the A-bomb." Perhaps they use this expression because the event they "met with" defies description --- an instant of massive destruction, mind-numbing death and injury and grief of watching helplessly as family members, relatives, friends, and neighbors died in agony.

They also say, "It's painful even to remember." The A-bomb witnesses have overcome that pain and are passing on their experiences of that day.

They feel duty bound to tell the world why nuclear weapons must never be used again.



The continual prayer of the A-bombed cities, Hiroshima and Nagasaki, is to unite humankind toward out common goal of genuine and lasting world peace

We pray for all those whose lives were lost in the tragic events of the 6th and 9th August 1945, and for their families who continue to suffer.

"Blessed are they that mourn, for they shall be comforted" (Matthew 5:4)

13 July: From Pacification to Peacebuilding; Diana Francis talks about her new book. Does conflict transformation work? In her new book Diana Francis reviews developments in the field over the past twenty years. She recognises that it has helped those engulfed in violent conflict to respond constructively, but also warns that the real requirement for peace is a global rejection of militarism. 6pm at Quaker Centre, Friends House, 173 Euston Rd, London NW1 2BJ. Registration is free but essential at: www.quaker.org.uk/dianafrancis For all enquiries please contact the Quaker Centre quakercentre@quaker.org.uk / 020 7663 1030/1067.

16 – 18 July: Apocalypse Now; Unveiling Empire, Conceiving Communion. When the power of empire is deconstructed, what remains to fill the void? How do Christians work within its ruins to conceive an alternative community which reveals the Kingdom of God? The fourth Christianity and Anarchism UK conference welcomes us to ask these questions together, and carve out a loving resistance in the here and now. Formally registering for the event will be required if you want to come; places may be limited, and discussion groups will be allocated. If you are interested in attending the fourth Christian Anarchist conference contact Scott Albrecht at the Catholic Worker Farmhouse on: [thecatholicworkerfarm\(AT\)yahoo.co.uk](mailto:thecatholicworkerfarm(AT)yahoo.co.uk) Scott will need to know: Your name, Region, Any groups you are part of that you'd like to mention.

16 – 18 July: National Justice and Peace Network: Annual Justice & Peace Conference: "Our Daily Bread: Food Security, People and Planet". Speakers include Vandana Shiva, Alistair McIntosh, Shay Cullen, Elizabeth Dowler. The Hayes Conference Centre, Swanwick, Derbyshire. Booking forms: www.justice-and-peace.org.uk; The Administrator, NJPN, 39 Eccleston Square, London SW1V 1BX, Tel: 020 7901 4864, Email admin@justice-and-peace.org.uk

23 – 27 July: Peace News Summer Camp. The PN web-shop is now available for taking bookings for the 2010 PN Summer Camp: <http://www.peacenewscamp.info/> PLEASE NOTE: the Camp costs £15 - £60 depending on income (not including food). If you visit the web-shop to book online then scroll down to the bottom to get the lower prices if you need them! <http://tinyurl.com/knuqpa> Or ring 020 7278 3344 for more details.

2-12 August: 'After the Bomb Dropped: How Hiroshima and Nagasaki Suffered' Opening Hours: 10am-5.30pm daily at Friends House, 173 Euston Road, London NW1 2BJ. Transport: London Euston (rail/underground), Kings Cross/St Pancras (rail/underground), Euston Sq (underground), Russell Sq (underground). Organised by: The Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament (CND) working with the Religious Society of Friends (Quakers), and the Hiroshima Peace Memorial Museum, who are kindly providing the materials for the exhibition. Telephone: 0207 7700 2393 / 0207 7663 1067.

6 August: Hiroshima Day. Events taking place nationwide. See <http://www.networkforpeace.org.uk/events.htm> for more information about events in your area.

8 August: Oxford Christian CND. Lantern Floating, Donnington Bridge, Oxford, 7pm.

9 August: Nagasaki Day. 'After the Bomb Dropped' exhibition guided tour followed by CCND/Pax Christi Prayer Vigil in the Peace Garden at Friends House, 4-5pm. Then walking to Pax Christi service in the Crypt of Westminster Cathedral at 6.30 pm on to commemorate Franz Jagerstatter (anniversary of his execution). The monks from Battersea Peace Pagoda will join us for a walk down to Battersea Park for the final part of Nagasaki day. Pax Christi, St Joseph's, Watford Way, London, NW4 4TY 0208 203 4884 www.pax-christi.org.uk

27 – 29 August: Greenbelt Festival. Includes the 'Peace Zone' organised by Network of Christian Peace Organisations and Bruce Kent speaking on war and peace culture. Atheist comedian Robin Ince appears too. "Like Womad, with God." <http://www.greenbelt.org.uk/>

2 – 6 September: Trident Ploughshares Summer Gathering ...for a nuclear weapons-free future. A chance for new and experienced activists to come together to plot the end of those nasty nukes. Join us for a fun and action-packed few days of: * Workshops & Discussion * Local Networking & Outreach * Nonviolent Direct Action Training * Action Planning * Trips to the Aldermaston Atomic Weapons Establishment * (where nasty new warhead developments are well underway). Organised by Trident Ploughshares 0845 45 88 361 [tpgathering\[at\]yahoo.com](mailto:tpgathering[at]yahoo.com) <http://www.trident-ploughshares.org>

14 September: Musicians Against Nuclear Arms (MANA) Concert for Peace. 7.30pm at Rosslyn Hill Unitarian Chapel, Hampstead, London NW3. Tickets £10/£8 (cheques made out to MANA) from MANA Administration, 71 Greenfield Gardens NW2 1HU. Please send a SAE. 020 8455 1030

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