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News update from Christian CND

April 2015

Christians working and praying for a nuclear weapons-free world

Urgent Appeal

CCND Needs a New Website!

It's really time our website was updated. We need to enable members to sign up, and pay, online. We need an effective webshop so you can buy t-shirts and order packs of leaflets for your street stalls, meetings, or to distribute in church. We need to be able to add photos of recent events really easily (for those of us who are not experts in HTML!). We need a members's section where we can add members' news and photos. We need to have a website which we are proud of, and can happily direct interested persons to. What we have now is not it!

The excellent GreenNet can build a basic simple one for us, but it will cost around £1,500, which is money we don't have.

If you are lucky enough to be able to help, please can you spare a few pounds? Found a few bob down the back of the sofa? Send us whatever you can afford.

We are sorry to ask you, dear members, because of course we have just sent out a letter informing you of our increased membership prices — and thank you to those who have responded by sending membership subscriptions, in many cases before your sub is actually due. Don't worry, we have increased the subscription period on your membership if you have

paid early.

All donations gratefully received!

Send any cheques etc to CCND at 162 Holloway Road, London N7 8DQ. Many thanks.

In the meantime, please remember that our new membership recruitment flyers are available (and taking up space in the office). If you have a mailing and can send some out get in touch and we will send you a bundle. If you think you can distribute them in your local church or meeting house, just ask and we'll put them in the post to you.

The flyers were produced using a bequest from a dear member's will and we would like them put to good use.

Thank you.

NCPO Election Briefing 2015

Enclosed with this mailing you will find a General Election Briefing. Hope you find it useful.

If you would like more copies, please contact Pax Christi on 020 8203 4884 (we don't have spares in the CCND office).

Embassies Walk

Our Embassies Walk took place on 18 March. Thank you to all who came along, to St Martin-in-the-Fields for their hospitality, to the monks and nuns of the Peace Pagoda, to the police, and to the embassies who opened their doors to us.

A full report, and photos, will be in the next *Ploughshare*.



Three CCND Embassy Walkers pose with the friendly arms of the law

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Hiroshima and Nagasaki Days 2015

As you're aware, this year marks the seventieth anniversary of the bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki. CND will be commemorating those who died as a result and reiterating our campaign against nuclear weapons.

Arrange an event

CND is encouraging all groups to contact their mayor or council to ask them to arrange a joint event to commemorate the anniversary. This may be particularly relevant if your town or local authority has a 'Mayor for Peace'. For a full list of members, see their website. Let CND know if you would like assistance in approaching your local representatives and remember to inform us if you arrange an event.

Come along to a CND film screening

If you are not arranging your own event on August 6th, then why not consider coming to London for a special film screening of 'The War Game', to be followed with a debate and refreshments? The event will be a culmination of a whole day of activities which will take place in Friends House, London.

Anniversary leaflet

A special CND leaflet will be produced for all groups to use at events and on street stalls. It'll be available in the coming weeks.

Contact sara.medi.jones@cnduk.org / 020 7700 2393 if you have any questions or comments about our Hiroshima and Nagasaki commemorations.

NPT Review Conference

CCND will be represented at the forthcoming NPT Review Conference in the first week. We will be holding Interfaith Vigils - 7.30am daily during first week opposite UN building, before the start of business. Please pray for the success of the NPT.

Global Wave 2015: Wave Goodbye to Nukes Civil society is joining together in a global mobilisation calling on governments to abolish nuclear weapons by doing simple Global Wave actions. These are simple actions waving goodbye to nuclear weapons, which can be photographed or filmed for posting on social media with the #globalwave2015 #wavetonukes hashtags or sending to us in New York to present to the governments.

The Global Wave will start at a huge peace rally in New York on April 26, and then go around the world in 24 hours arriving back in New York on April 27 as the government conference begins.

The action will reach us in Britain at 1:20pm on Monday, April 27th. Yorkshire CND is coordinating the actions in the UK - please get in touch (info@yorkshire.org.uk 01274 730 795) to let them know if you have anything planned

Events

22 May: Celebrating life at the Gates of Death. Join us for a Whitsuntide Eucharist at the gates of AWE Burghfield. Everyone is welcome, of any religion or none. Meet at the Construction Gate. We will sing and pray our opposition to nuclear weapons. There will be lifts available from Burghfield Village. Please ring Julia for details – 07979 278794 or email oyster.julia@gmail.com

27 April: Global Wave 2015: Wave Goodbye to Nukes. Join the movement and take part in a global wave happening in cities around the world in a timed fashion over 24 hours just before the 2015 Nuclear Non Proliferation Treaty Review Conference in New York. Starting at one point on the globe, and then proceeding through each time zone every hour, humanity will 'Wave Goodbye to Nuclear Weapons' through symbolic wave events.

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- 17 19 July: 'The Things That Make for Peace'. National Justice & Peace Network Annual Conference. Speakers include Prof Paul Rogers from Bradford School of Peace Studies and Fr Edu Gariguez, who works on mining and environmental issues in the Philipines. Info from NJPN, 020 7901 4864 admin@justice-and-peace.org.uk http://www.justice-and-peace.org.uk/
- 6 August: Hiroshima Day. 12noon commemoration in Tavistock Square London and lots of other places.
- **6 9 August:** Fast Against Nuclear Weapons. Outside the Ministry of Defence in Central London. We will be joined by our French activist friends.
- 9 August: Nagasaki Day. Peace walk from Westminster Cathedral to the London Peace Pagoda followed by the Floating Lantern Ceremony at Sunset. 020 7228 9620.