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News update from Christian CND

May 2014

Christians working and praying for a nuclear weapons-free world

Foreign Office Meeting

Although CCND will not be represented this year at the NPT PrepCom, it is still useful to see what our delegation will be saying.

Patricia Pulham and Caroline Gilbert attended the Round Table meeting in the Old Admiralty building this year, on 10th April. (No, not demoted but change of venue due to refurbishment of FCO)

The UK chair for this meeting told us that the main agenda in New York would be concerned with drawing up a framework for a reporting structure so that the signatory nations could tell us in 2015 what had been achieved from the Action Plan decided on in 2010. He emphasised that UK was well on track on its disarmament commitments as it had greatly

reduced its number of warheads. (No acceptance that modernisation and development of these warheads can also be seen as proliferation.)

In response to a number of questions on the failure of UK to attend the Humanitarian Conference in Mexico, he said that humanitarian issues were always considered by Britain and that nuclear weapons would only be used in extreme circumstances. Patricia pointed out that if this were so, why did we not have a "No First Use" policy, and if this were stated, China could no longer hold the moral high ground. Caroline drew attention to the Trident programme, which as at previous meetings remained "the elephant in the room", never being brought up by the Foreign Office or MOD representatives there.



The Embassies Walk 2014 in association with ICAN - this year took in more embassies than CCND visited previously. The idea was to visit all key players at the recent Mexico Conference on Humanitarian Aspects of nuclear weapons as well as the nuclear weapons states.

Above: Kelvin, Rebecca and Patricia outside the US Embassy.

More photos and a report in next *Ploughshare*.

No Faith in Trident Lobby of Parliament

12noon - 6:00pm, 11th June
Westminster, London

Bruce Kent's No Faith in Trident tour during the month of April is building up to a national lobby of parliament and an evening rally for people of all faith communities - and none - who are opposed to Trident.

Three things to do:

- Put 11th June in your diary and come to Parliament that day
- Contact your MP in advance and arrange a meeting with them on 11th June
- Inform CND so we know that you are coming and can provide you with our latest info

If you are not sure who your MP is, or for more information on the lobby, phone 020 7700 2393 or email [parliamentary\[at\]cnduk\[dot\]org](mailto:parliamentary[at]cnduk[dot]org)

The lobby of parliament is supported by the following organisations: Christian CND, Pax Christi, Religions for Peace

15 May: Conscientious Objectors Day. In the run up to the centenary of the First World War, we will be remembering the Conscientious Objectors and the women peace campaigners who said No to the war. Descendents of more than 30 WW1 COs and women peace campaigners from all over the country will be coming to commemorate the lives of their relatives and the brave stand taken by all those who opposed the war. Flowers will be laid in tribute to the COs of WW1 and to COs all over the world. 12noon Tavistock Square, London. mail@coproject.org.uk

17-23 May 2014 IONA. Week on Iona 'Pilgrims for Peace: celebrating 100 years of Nonviolence, peacemaking, forgiveness, compassion and reconciliation'. www.for.org.uk office@for.org.uk

6 June: Oxford CND Benefit Concert. Doors open 7pm for the Oxford Classic Jazz Band with legendary guest vocal and banjo star Thomas 'Spats' Langham. Tickets are £10 & £7 cones. Friends Meeting House, St Giles, Oxford. For info phone 07932748379 or 01865 242919 or email irene-davidgill@btinternet.com

11 June: No Faith in Trident Lobby of Parliament. 12noon - 6:00pm, Westminster, London. Info: phone 020 7700 2393 or email parliamentary@cnduk.org

4 July: Annual 'Independence FROM America' day. The theme this year is RECYCLE THE BASE Menwith Hill, Yorkshire. 5-9pm. www.caab.org.uk 01423 884076

CCND goods

Pack of 24 A4 sheets of Interfaith quotations £1 a pack

CCND stickers 10 stickers for 50p, 50 stickers for £2

Legacy Guide Free

Churches' Guide Free

T-Shirts £12 each.

Cotton bags £3 each.

Picasso Greetings Cards. £2.50 for six.

Christmas Cards, £2.50 for six.

Other CCND items available: Church Porch A4 Poster of Church quotes on Trident (free), badges (30p), enamel brooches (£1.50), window stickers (50p), pens (£1) and a history of CCND (£2.50).

Send orders to address below. Cheques made out to Christian CND.

31 July - 4 August: Peace News Summer Camp 2014, Leiston, Suffolk www.peacenewscamp.info Join peace and justice activists from across Europe to mark the centenary of the First World War and declare peace on the 100th anniversary of the day that Britain declared war on Germany. 020 7278 3344.

6 August: Hiroshima Day. A group from CCND will be joining our French colleagues in Paris on this day and will go on to Dijon to emphasise Teutates and to collect pieces of the pink scarf to bring back for Nagasaki Day at Burghfield. *Let us know about your Hiroshima Day plans - and send us a photo afterwards!*

9 August: Nagasaki Day. *Let us know about your plans - and send us a photo afterwards!*

9 August: Wool Against Weapons Scarf Roll-Out. Join the hundreds of people who are currently involved in knitting and crocheting pieces of a pink scarf that will stretch seven miles, as part of the Wool against Weapons initiative. The scarf will be rolled out between the atomic weapon factories at AWE Aldermaston and AWE Burghfield in a protest against Trident on Nagasaki Day. For more information about the event and how you can get involved locally, see www.cnduk.org/wool

30 August - 5 September: Week of Action against NATO summit. NATO's next international summit will be this September in Newport, and a variety of protests and resistance actions are planned. See:
<https://network23.org/stopnatocymru/>
<http://www.nonatonewport.org>

There will be a short report from the NPT PrepCom which has just finished in New York, in the next full *Ploughshare*.

A letter from World Court Project

Dear CCND

I received your recent publication, "Nuclear Weapons: What can Christians do?" I was interested in the section on contacting decision makers. We have a website devoted to this which CCND members might be interested in. It is on <http://peacebourne.webplus.net/CSW/>

Best Wishes

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